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TOURS WIZ WILL QUIT

'Too much interference'

Mike Weinstein

Mr. Michael Weinstein, the man responsible for bringing overseas soccer teams to Australia, says he will resign as the Victorian Soccer Federation's tours organiser.

Mr. Weinstein said this week other soccer officials interfered too much in his job.

"Up to this year I have always been in full control of tours and I have always had the full support and confidence of the other federation officials," he said.

"This situation has apparently changed." He would not elaborate.

He has told the VSF he will resign after finalising tours negotiations which he has started.

He is handling the tours of Tottenham Hotspur in May and Bologna of Italy in June.

Visits by overseas teams are lined up for the end of this season and for January this year, and Mr. Weinstein is also trying to arrange trips by the Victorian State team to Singapore, Europe and the U.S.

Mr. Weinstein said he originally intended to resign on the spot, but decided it would be unfair to leave things half done.

"I've had a good innings, and I won't regret leaving the job," he said.

"Obviously there are people who think they can do it better, so they should be given a chance.

"I'm only afraid that the new man who takes over won't be able to take the interference as long as I've had to."

Mr. Weinstein, 53, a director of 18 building and real estate companies, and vice-president of the Australian Soccer Federation, has been organising soccer tours for the ASF and VSF since Australia was readmitted to the international soccer federation, FIFA, in 1963.

Under his leadership Victoria became the first State Federation to promote tours. Previously, all tours had been organised by the ASF.

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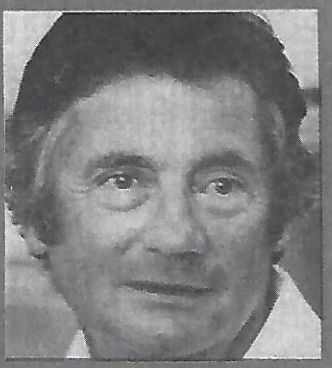
Hired, fired, wants pay



Manny Poulakakis (pictured), who was hired and fired as coach of Hakoah last week, will fight for the money he was promised . . . full story page 7.

Ray Taylor of Box Hill beats Ajax goalkeeper Mario Borg in a Victorian Dockerty Cup match at Maribyrnong. Box Hill won on penalties after the teams had drawn 2-2 after extra time. All Dockety Cup reports, pages 4 and 5.

Baker wants move

David Baker, the 1975 Rothmans Medallist, is seeking a transfer from Hakoah over the Poulakakis affair (see above and page 7).

Baker, 30, said yesterday the Hakoah committee was not acting in the best interests of the club.

He said he hoped his transfer fee would be "reasonable", in return for his 10 years' service to Hakoah.

Baker can be contacted on 62 2531, ext 296 or 879 1183.

Our tips for Saturday

1.	ASTON VILLA	STOKE	1
2.	COVENTRY	NEWCASTLE	X
3.	DERBY	BIRMINGHAM	1
4.	IPSWICH	EVERTON	2
5.	LEEDS	ARSENAL	1
6.	LIVERPOOL	BURNLEY	X
7.	MAN. UTD.	MIDDLESBRO	X
8.	QPR	MAN. CITY	1
9.	TOTTENHAM	SHEFF. UTD.	1
10.	WEST HAM	NORWICH	1
11.	WOLVES	LEICESTER	X
12.	BLACKBURN	NOTTS C.	X
13.	BLACKPOOL	PLYMOUTH	2
14.	BOLTON	CHELSEA	X
15.	BRISTOL R.	OXFORD UTD.	X
16.	CARLISLE	BRISTOL C.	X
17.	FULHAM	OLDHAM	X
18.	HULL	YORK	X
19.	LUTON	CHARLTON	2
20.	NOTT'M FOR.	ORIENT	1
21.	PORTSMOUTH	WEST BROM.	1
22.	SUNDERLAND	SOUTH'PTON	1
23.	ALDERSHOT	SHREWSBURY	2
24.	CARDIFF	MILLWALL	2
25.	CHESTERF'LD	ROTHERHAM	2
26.	CRYSTAL P.	BURY	1
27.	GILLINGHAM	CHESTER	1
28.	GRIMSBY	SOUTHEND	1
29.	HEREFORD	BRIGHTON	2
30.	PETERBORO'	HALIFAX	X
31.	PORT VALE	WALSALL	X
32.	SHEFF. WED.	COLCHESTER	X
33.	SWINDON	MANSFIELD	2
34.	WREXHAM	PRESTON	1
35.	BARNSLEY	BRADFORD C.	1
36.	BOURNEM'TH	WORK'GTON	1
37.	CREWE	NORTH'PTON	2
38.	DARLINGTON	NEWPORT	X
39.	EXETER	HUDDERSF'LD	X
40.	HARTLEPOOL	SWANSEA	X
41.	ROCHDALE	BRENTFORD	X
42.	TORQUAY	DONCASTER	2
43.	AYR UTD.	HIBERNIAN	1
44.	CELTIC	MOTH'WELL	X
45.	DUNDEE UTD.	ABERDEEN	1
46.	HEARTS	DUNDEE	2
47.	ST JOHNS'NE	RANGERS	2
48.	AIRDRIE	EAST FIFE	1
49.	DUMBARTON	ARBROATH	1
50.	E. STIRLING	STIRLING A.	X
51.	MEADOWB'K	PARTICK	X
52.	MONTROSE	MORTON	X
53.	Q. OF SOUTH	CLYDEBANK	1
54.	STENH'SEM'R	ALBION R.	1
55.	STRANRAER	BRECHIN	1

BAYERN v REAL IN SEMIS

The draws for the semi-finals of the three European soccer competitions are:

EUROPEAN FOOTBALL UNION (UEFA) CUP.

Barcelona v Liverpool.
Hamburg SV v Bruges.

CUP WINNERS' CUP

Eintracht Frankfurt v. West Ham United.
Sachsenring Zwickau v Anderlecht.

EUROPEAN CUP.

St. Etienne v. PSV Eindhoven.
Real Madrid v Bayern Munich.

First leg matches in all three tournaments will be played on March 31 and second legs on April 14.

Dates for the final matches are:

UEFA Cup (played in two legs on the home ground of each finalist) — April 28 and May 19.

Cup Winners' Cup — May 5, at Heysel Stadium, Brussels.

European Cup — May 12, at Hampden Park, Glasgow.

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OUR SAY

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Captain hits manager, p. 7

Players of the Week

Jim Armstrong (right) of Hellas and Pedro Santos (left) of Keilor — Austria are our Players of the week.

Each gets a dinner for two at the North Steak House, 355 North Road, South

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AUSTRALIAN AMPOL OWNED

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE:

	HOME						AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
QPR	36	13	4	0	33	10	6	7	6	21	16	49
Man. Utd.	35	13	4	0	33	11	6	6	6	26	24	48
Liverpool	35	10	5	2	32	18	7	8	3	19	9	47
Derby Cnty	35	14	1	2	37	22	5	8	5	21	21	47
Leeds Utd.	34	10	3	43	0	16	7	5	5	24	21	42
Man. City	33	12	5	1	39	11	2	5	8	15	19	38
Ipswich	33	7	6	3	24	16	4	8	5	16	18	36
Middlesbro	35	7	7	4	18	10	6	3	8	19	22	36
Tottenham	36	4	9	4	24	28	7	5	7	27	26	36
Leicester	35	7	3	3	25	22	3	8	6	13	22	36
Stoke	33	7	4	6	24	21	6	4	6	17	18	4
West Ham	36	10	3	5	24	20	3	5	10	20	39	34
Arsenal	35	10	4	4	30	14	2	5	10	12	26	33
Everton	34	7	6	4	30	22	4	5	8	19	37	33
Newcastle	33	9	4	3	42	19	3	4	10	16	29	32
Coventry	35	5	7	5	17	17	5	5	8	20	30	32
Norwich	34	8	5	5	28	21	3	4	9	21	31	31
Aston Villa	35	9	6	2	29	16	0	7	11	14	36	31
Birmingham	34	8	5	5	27	23	2	1	13	18	38	26
Wolves		35	5	7	18	20	3	3	12	22	38	24
Burnley	36	5	6	7	21	22	2	4	12	18	36	24
Sheffield Utd.	35	2	6	10	14	29	0	3	14	10	41	13

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bristol City	35	10	6	2	30	10	7	6	4	22	18	46
Sunderland	33	14	1	0	36	8	4	5	9	15	24	42
Bolton	33	9	4	2	26	9	7	6	5	23	22	42
WBA	34	7	8	2	21	11	8	3	6	18	19	41
Southampton	34	14	2	1	40	12	2	5	10	16	28	39
Notts Cnty	34	9	4	4	27	13	7	3	7	21	22	39
Luton	35	11	4	2	30	12	5	3	10	18	30	39
Nottm. For.	35	9	1	7	25	18	4	9	5	21	20	36
Chelsea	35	7	7	4	23	16	5	4	8	22	27	35
Oldham	35	10	7	1	30	19	2	4	11	19	34	35
Charlton	33	10	3	4	36	27	4	4	8	14	29	35
Fulham	35	8	5	4	24	12	4	5	9	17	26	34
Bristol R	34	6	7	4	17	13	4	7	6	14	22	34
Hull	35	8	3	6	22	16	5	4	9	15	24	33
Blackpool	34	6	8	3	21	20	5	3	9	12	20	33
Orient	33	9	4	5	19	11	2	6	7	11	20	32
Plymouth	36	11	4	4	33	19	0	6	11	11	29	32
Carlisle	35	7	7	3	23	19	3	5	10	15	31	32
Blackburn	34	4	6	7	17	21	3	7	7	16	23	27
Oxford	35	5	7	6	20	22	3	4	10	13	26	27
Portsmth.	35	3	5	9	11	18	5	1	12	15	30	22
York	34	7	1	10	22	30	1	4	11	8	29	21

DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hereford	36	10	4	3	33	18	11	3	5	36	25	49
Brighton	38	17	1	2	53	13	4	3	11	15	30	46
Crystal Pal	17	6	8	3	28	18	10	5	5	28	22	45
Walsall	39	11	6	3	41	19	5	5	9	23	31	43
Cardiff	37	11	5	2	33	12	5	5	9	27	35	42
Wrexham	37	12	5	2	32	14	4	5	9	17	25	42
Shrewsbury	36	12	1	5	30	20	5	7	6	20	22	42
Millwall	37	13	5	1	29	13	2	7	9	16	29	42
Peterbro	36	10	5	3	32	19	3	8	7	22	33	39
Port Vale	37	9	7	2	25	14	4	5	10	19	25	38
Preston	36	12	3	4	34	21	3	4	10	12	26	37
Gillingham	37	8	8	2	29	19	2	9	8	17	33	37
Chester	36	11	6	2	29	14	2	4	11	8	34	36
Bury	35	8	6	3	25	12	3	7	8	18	26	35
Rotherham	37	10	3	6	29	19	3	5	10	15	34	34
Mansfield	37	6	9	4	26	21	4	3	11	18	26	32
Aldershot	36	9	6	2	29	17	2	4	13	21	45	32
Grimsby	37	11	5	2	32	16	1	3	15	16	44	32
Southend	35	8	5	6	35	26	2	4	10	16	31	29
Chesterfld.	36	7	5	6	33	24	4	2	12	19	36	29
Cochester	36	8	4	6	20	21	2	5	11	14	36	29
Sheffld. Wed.	35	7	6	4	27	21	0	8	10	11	23	28
Swindon	36	8	3	6	30	23	3	3	13	17	39	28
Halifax	35	4	4	10	18	27	5	6	6	16	22	28

DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Northamptn.	38	15	3	0	46	14	9	4	7	21	18	55
Lincoln	34	16	1	0	53	12	8	5	4	27	19	54
Reading	37	16	2	1	32	7	4	6	8	23	35	48
Transmere	37	14	2	1	45	8	5	7	8	26	32	47
Hudderafld.	35	10	3	5	25	14	9	5	3	24	16	46
Exeter	38	10	7	2	26	9	5	6	8	18	23	43
Doncaster	38	9	5	6	40	29	9	2	7	27	26	43
Bournmth	36	12	3	2	32	12	5	4	10	16	28	41
Swansea	36	13	5	1	45	17	2	5	10	12	27	40
Watford	37	13	3	3	32	17	4	2	12	17	35	39
Torquay	37	10	3	5	23	18	5	5	9	19	36	38
Cambridge	38	6	8	5	27	22	6	4	9	18	26	36
Rochdale	36	6	9	2	23	17	5	5	9	11	22	36
Barnsley	37	10	6	2	26	13	1	7	11	11	29	35
Crewe	37	8	6	4	29	17	2	8	9	18	27	34
Stockport	37	8	5	6	22	17	4	5	9	16	40	34
Hartlepool	37	6	6	6	30	26	5	4	10	19	35	32
Brentford	36	10	5	4	29	15	1	4	12	14	34	31
Newpoer	36	8	5	6	31	26	4	2	11	19	39	31
Bradford	33	7	7	4	25	16	2	5	8	17	26	30
Scunthorpe	37	8	2	9	25	22	2	4	12	12	28	26
Darlington	35	6	5	5	13	11	3	2	14	16	37	25
Southport	37	3	4	11	20	29	1	4	14	11	39	16
Workingtn.	37	5	3	11	17	30	0	3	15	6	39	16

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	27	8	3	2	28	15	10	1	3	29	15	40
Rangers	27	12	1	1	31	10	5	4	4	15	12	39
Hibernian	27	10	2	2	30	10	4	4	5	15	20	34
Motherwell	27	9	3	3	23	15	4	4	4	24	19	33
Aberdeen	28	7	4	4	24	16	3	3	7	18	23	27
Dundee	28	6	4	4	26	22	3	3	8	16	28	25
Hearts	28	4	5	5	17	18	4	3	7	12	23	24
Dundee Utd.	26	5	2	5	18	16	3	4	7	16	22	22
Ayr	27	7	2	3	20	16	2	2	11	12	31	22
St Johnstone	27	2	2	9	16	28	0	0	14	9	40	6

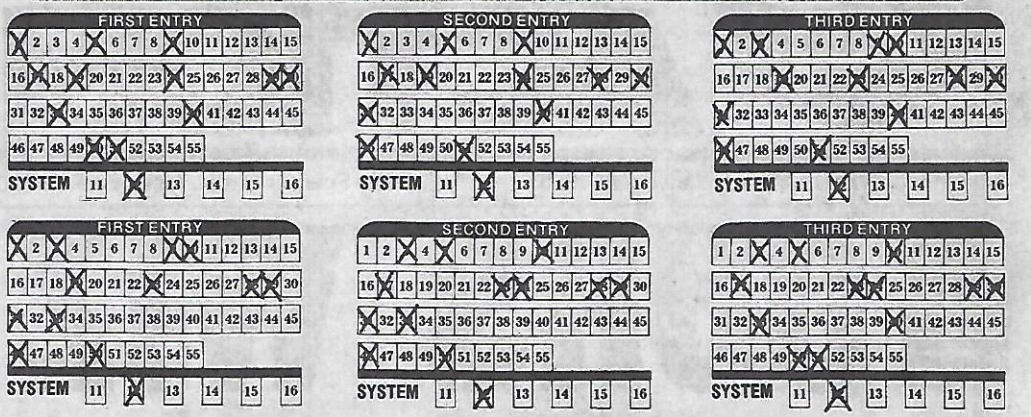
SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Partick	26	10	2	1	26	7	7	5	1	21	12	41
Kilmarnck.	26	11	1	1	28	10	5	2	6	16	19	35
Mntrose	26	9	3	1	28	18	3	3	7	25	25	30
Dumbarton	26	8	2	3	30	22	4	2	7	23	24	28
Arbroath	26	8	1	4	23	14	3	3	7	18	25	26
St Mirren	26	6	5	2	22	14	3	3	7	15	23	26
Airdrie	26	5	5	3	25	22	2	6	5	19	19	25
Falkirk	26	6	4	3	18	12	4	1	8	20	23	23
Hamilton	26	5	4	4	18	15	2	6	5	19	22	24
Queen O' Sth	26	6	4	3	26	26	3	2	8	15	21	24
Morton	26	4	5	4	16	17	3	4	6	15	23	23
East Fife	26	6	4	3	25	24	2	3	8	14	29	23
Dunfrmlne.	26	4	5	4	18	22	1	5	7	12	29	20
Clyde	29	3	2	8	20	23	2	2	9	14	29	14

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Clydebank	25	9	3	1	25	8	8	2	2	19	5	39
Raith	25	6	6	1	21	15	8	4	0	23	8	38
Alloa	24	6	4	1	22	12	8	2	3	22	15	34
Queens Prk.	26	8	2	3	24	14	2	7	4	17	19	29
Cowdenbth.	25	6	4	2	24	14	4	3	6	18	28	27
Stirling A	24	6	3	4	26	15	3	4	4	12	14	25
E. Stirling	26	5	5	3	17	14	3	3	7	16	19	24
Stenhsmuir	26	6	1	6	20	20	3	4	6	19	24	23
Albion R	25	4	5	3	19	15	2	5	6	12	23	22
Stranraer	24	5	1	6	24	19	4	2	6	20	24	21
Berwick	25	3	3	7	14	24	4	2	6	19	19	19
Forfar	26	3	6	4	16	18	1	4	8	12	q30	18
Meadowbank	26	4	3	6	14	23	1	3	9	10	30	16
Brechin	23	3	2	6	14	21	2	3	7	13	22	15

$$$ THE POOLS $$$



THE NUMBERS GAME

with KNUT WERNER

Last week we managed only five of the nine score draws, and as the politicians say: "That's just not on."

This week I have selected 18 numbers and used them in 6 entries of system 12.

The cost this week is $9.

Woman's Intuition

with MARILYN

Ladies, do you know that there's a Mrs Gardner of Dandenong who has a husband 5'10", brown eyes, brown hair and measurements 42, 37, 40?

I wouldn't mind following up those numbers, but Mrs Gardner sent only a post box number. Well, that's the end of that.

Mr Gardner says he was a keen Pools man until they went over to the numbers game. Then he gave it away.

He follows form and reckons he can do better than the numbers people.

After a lot of hard work, these are the number: 1 - 2 - 7 - 11 - 12 - 16 - 21 - 37 - 42 - 53.

Mr Gardner obviously has a sweet tooth. If these numbers are correct he will receive a beautiful 2lb box of chocolates..

But I must remind you that you must buy a pool ticket if you want more than a box of chocolates, I mean you could buy a life's supply.

I thank you Mr and Mrs Gardner.

I will take your numbers this week and if they win, you can at least share the prize with me.

If you want to have your lucky numbers published write to Marilyn "Soccer Action," 250 Spencer Street., MELBOURNE. 3000.

The 3-point numbers

The numbers representing the score draws (3 points each) last Saturday:

2 5 16 19 20 26 28 36 43.

The scoreless match numbers are:

12 14 30 35 37 44.

Vernons UK estimate the first prize dividend this week for each entry with eight of the score draws at $28,000.

Any entry with all nine score draws will win an estimated prize of over $250,000.

Best bets

By PETER SWEENEY

COVENTRY v NEWCASTLE. These sides are equal on the ladder and little separates them in ability. Both will be striving for win points to make a late bid to move up a rung.

MAN. UTD. v MIDDLESBRO. Manchester United will most likely go into this match with the belief that it has as good as got the points — but how wrong it will turn out to be. Middlesbrough is just the side to upset its apple cart. The brilliant United won't be downed but Middlesbrough, with a fair away record, will hold out for a draw.

WOLVES v LEICESTER. Third bottom side Wolves is expected to shake the life out of Leicester. Wolves is an annoying side to try to run down on its own surface and Leicester will find this out. Its good away draw record should be enough to scrape out with a draw.

BLACKBURN v NOTTS. C: Home side Blackburn will wriggle out of this match with a draw. Notts is not the type of side to play for a drawn game, as its away performances prove but the dogged Blackburn will hang on grimly.

BOLTON v CHELSEA. Middle side Chelsea gets a chance to show its real ability against second side Bolton. This should be a cracker of a game between old rivals. A draw is the inevitable result.

BRISTOL R. v OXFORD UTD: Bristol Rovers has not been impressive at home and for this reason I'm picking the lowly Oxford to hold it to a draw. Both sides will be flat out for a win to end the season. Oxford, despite a poor away record, will draw the match.

CARLISLE v BRISTOL. C: Carlisle's good performances at home will hold it in good stead for the clash with the division two leader. It's hard to imagine Carlisle, only five rungs from the bottom of the table, containing a glittering line-up like Bristol City's but at home it's capable of doing so.

FULHAM v OLDHAM: Oldham, with an impeccable home showing and disastrous away performances, faces a stiff task when it travels to Fulham to take on the side a position behind it on the ladder. Recent results indicate a drawn game.

HULL v YORK: Bottom side York will do battle with Hull, a team which is better than most at home. York, although having only scored one win away from its own territory, has scraped out with five draws and this is what it will be aiming to do in this match.

PETERBORO' v HALIFAX: Halifax has a creditable visiting record and this will help the side in its match with the more fancied Peterborough club. It will be a keenly contested affair, with neither side giving an inch.

PORT VALE v WALSALL: This game is certain to be drawn. Port Vale has lost only two games at home, but has drawn seven of its 18. Walsall doesn't win many away but it battles hard for a drawn match.

Referees' course

The Latrobe Valley branch of the Australian Referees Federation will start this year's referees' course at the Morwell high school on Monday March 29.

Anyone interested in attending the course can telephone Referee Federation Secretary, Mrs Marion Jones, on 272063 for futher information.

The stars

For those who trust the stars, here are your lucky numbers, chosen by our astrologer.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 18) 3, 5, 9, 12, 16, 23, 39, 46, 48, 53, 49.

PISCES (Feb 19-Mar 20) 2, 4, 5, 9, 14, 15, 16, 22, 27, 38, 46.

ARIES (Mar 21-April 19) 6, 9, 20, 34, 38, 41, 49, 50, 53, 48, 1.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) 5, 9, 20, 23, 27, 31, 45, 46, 51, 53, 54.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) 3, 4, 12, 16, 18, 27, 28, 30, 32, 36, 44.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) 7, 8, 15, 19, 21, 30, 40, 43, 44, 51, 52.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) 10, 12, 13, 16, 19, 27, 28, 32, 34, 37, 51.

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sept 22) 1, 3, 9, 16, 18, 23, 24, 37, 39, 42, 48.

LIBRA (Sept 23-Oct 22) 1, 8, 16, 20, 21, 14, 29, 34, 38, 45, 53.

SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 21) 1, 9, 19, 28, 31, 33, 37, 39, 40, 43, 49.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22-Dec 21) 1, 10, 20, 21, 24, 31, 32, 44, 46, 47, 50.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19) 2, 7, 10, 18, 19, 21, 25, 29, 33, 39, 45.

Makedonia v Juventus

State League teams Preston Makedonia and Juventus will clash for the first time on Sunday.

The teams will play at Cochrane Reserve, Collier Street, Preston.

The game will be a charity match and all money raised will be spent on medical equipment for the Preston and Northcote Community Hospital.

The senior game will start at 3 pm and the club's under 16 sides will play in a curtain raiser at 1.30 pm.

Preston Makedonia will play English imports **Geoff Daniels** and **Stephen Beech** who plays midfield and left wing respectively, and Juventus will use recruit **Ulysses Kokkinos.**

Weinstein to quit

The teams Mr. Weinstein has brought to Melbourne include Manchester United, AS Roma, Cardiff, Everton, Benfica, Cruzeiro, Glasgow Rangers, Legia Warsaw, Santos, Werder Bremen, Manchester City, Ferencvaros, Moscow Dynamo and Kosice of Czechoslovakia.

All of them made big profits for the VSF.

Victoria's match against Pele's team, Santos, made $26,000 and Legia $18,000 while Manchester United and Roma each attracted more than 30,000 people to Olympic Park.

Mr. Weinstein stressed that he was not resigning because a proposed club-sponsored tour by Catanzaro of Italy would cut across the tour by Bologna, which he had arranged earlier.

"We would love to see Catanzaro play in

From page one

Catanzaro's tour is being organised by State League club Juventus, for late June.

Mr. Weinstein organised the Victorian State team's visit to New Caledonia last year. It was the first time the State team had gone overseas.

Mr. Weinstein said he hoped the proposed trips to Singapore, the U.S. and Europe would become reality.

He said he would put comprehensive proposals to the VSF board of management, which would decide wihch tour, if any, to undertake.

Commenting on a report in last week's "Soccer Action", that the Los Angeles Aztecs and the Tampa Bay Rowdies were interested in

"My office in Los Angeles is in constant touch with these clubs and others in the U.S. and at the first opportunity, we'll have a top-class American outfit visiting us.

"Soccer is going ahead tremendously in the U.S. and it's important that we establish strong ties with that country.

"Australia could learn a lot about the American's marketing approach and sponsorship setup, while the U.S. could learn a lot from Australia about grass roots administration. The Americans are great at the top level but they fall down at lower levels."

Mr. Weinstein added that the ASF would do all it could to arrange matches for the U.S. junior team, the Texax Longhorns, which wants to visit Australia next year.

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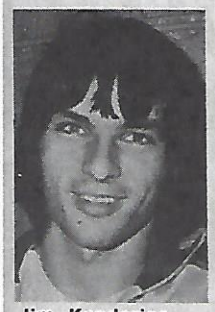
Strong Sydney clubs will dominate Cup

When the leading clubs from Sydney and Melbourne played a round robin series in 1972, it was significant that the Sydney clubs finished in the first four positions and the Melbourne clubs in the bottom four.

To refresh your memory, here is how they stood before the final, which Marconi won 1-0.



Jim Kondarios — improved 300%

St George, 11:2 goals, 8 points; Marconi 9:4.8, Hakoah 16:2.7; APIA 12:12.4; Hellas 10:7.3; JUST 5:9.2.; Melbourne 3:14.0; George Cross 2:18.0.

Both Hellas and JUST managed to beat APIA, and those two victories were the only ones recorded by Victoria.

The only reason APIA was beaten so badly — 4-1 by JUST and 7-2 by Hellas — was because it fielded an under-strength team.

At the end of this year, Sydney and Melbourne will again be pitted against each other in the proposed knock-out Cup competition.

It is proposed that the Cup be contested by the top three from Sydney, the top three from Melbourne and the top two from Adelaide.

Unfortunately for Victoria, I'm afraid the results will be similar to the ones recorded in 1972.

TONY BOGGI

TONY BOGGI is Victorian State coach and former national coach.

There are no doubts at all that Sydney's top teams are better than Victoria's top teams.

Sydney has better players, more players and more money.

The teams are fitter because they train much more than the Melbourne teams do.

The gap between Sydney and Melbourne soccer hasn't really narrowed since 1972. Perhaps Hellas and JUST have moved a little closer to the top Sydney clubs' standard, but that's where it ends.

Certainly, Hellas and JUST would not be disgraced by any Sydney team. By the same token, I can't see either Hellas or JUST beating a top Sydney outfit like Hakoah, for example.

JUST will certainly finish among the top three in State League and thus qualify for the interstate Cup.

JUST has a lot of talented young players, like defender **Jim Kondarios** who has improved 300 per cent since joining from Keilor Australia, and **Mendo Ristovski** who's the best young player around.

Hellas has the talent but it is not yet a team. There is a lot of pressure on the side to win every game 4-0 or 5-0 just because the club bought **Peter Ollerton** and **Duncan Cummings** for a total of $19,000.

That's simply unrealistic, and the pressure must be affecting the players' performances.

However, I don't doubt that Hellas will improve to finish near the top of the ladder.

If there is a gap between Sydney and Melbourne soccer, there is a gap equally as wide between the game in Adelaide and in Melbourne.

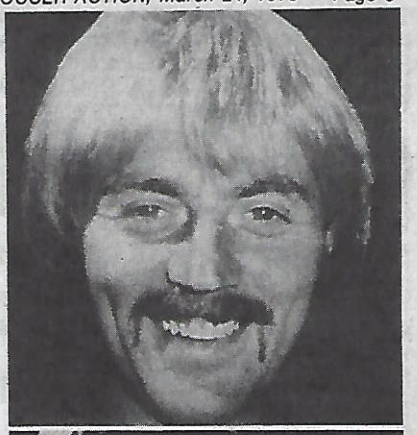
That means Victoria can look forward to at least winning the games against South Australian clubs in the interstate cup series.

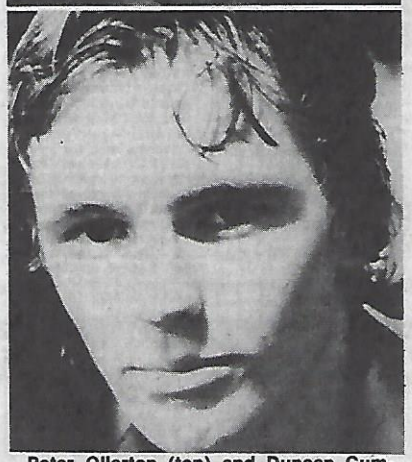
The qualifiers from Adelaide will probably be Hellas and Juventus.

The interstate series is being described as a pointer to the success or otherwise of the national league, scheduled to start in March next year.

If Victorian clubs do decide to join the league, they must strengthen their teams, employ full time coaches and train much harder and more often.

Under the present set-up Melbourne clubs could probably win the occasional game but in the long run they would trail badly.





Peter Ollerton (top) and Duncan Cummings (above), Hellas' $19,000 pair. There's a lot of pressure on them.

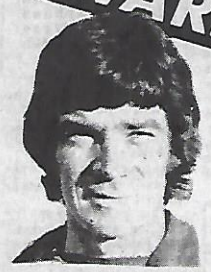
St. George, Hakoah, Western Suburbs to qualify for interstate series

SAINTS TO WIN TITLE

St George Budapest, Hakoah, Wests or Marconi. Take your pick for the 1976 Sydney premiership but that's how I see the top four teams in Sydney this year, and three of them will compete in the interstate cup series.

I take my former club for the title and, for its players' sake, I hope they finish on top.

WARREN



Former national captain John Warren

The team which won the championship in 1974 and 1975 will be considerably boosted by new arrivals and signings this year.

Scots **Fred Aitken** and **John Gray** have settled in, as has new goalkeeper **Martin Coe**, signed from Hakoah.

The arrival of two Argentinian stars, the guest appearances of **Francis Lee** and the guidance of **Tommy Docherty** are all plus factors for St George Budapest.

More important, its younger players, **Grosse, Morgan, O'Sea** and **Jankovic**, have an extra year's first team experience and are performing as well, if not better, than their more seasoned team mates.

For all these reasons, I feel Saints will be the team to beat.

Hakoah will be their most dangerous threat.

Hakoah has rebuilt and the addition of **Todd Clarke** and **Les Hucker** together with some good overseas signings could make this Hakoah's year.

Wests I rank third, which may surprise some as they won the Ampol Cup, beating Hakoah twice and Saints once to do so.

And they have national team player **Dave Harding** yet to come into their line-up.

But I feel the disadvantage of their terribly bumpy home ground, Drummoyne Oval, will take more points from them than they can afford. Then there's their chronic inability to score goals.

The young Marconi side, under manager **Rale Rasic**, is my selection to finish fourth.

Sixth in '75, Marconi's young players like **Mariani, Williams Sharne** and company are more experienced this year and if starlet **Rene Colusso** returns from Italy, the club's stocks would improve even further.

APIA, premier last year, is my tip for fifth.

It has basically the same outfit as last year, although it will sorely miss the goalscoring talents of **Peter Ollerton.**

In fact, Ollerton's goals will mean the difference between a top four place and a place lower down the ladder.

Also, APIA's brilliant midfield motormen of '75, **Willie Wallace** and **Jimmy Rooney**, are a year older.

For sixth, I take **Raoul Blanco's** Pan Hellenic led by the talented **Rudolfo Gnavi.**

I feel though, that Pan Hellenic will miss the goalscoring feats of **Dave Harding** who was recently

In many respects I hope my predictions for the top six are incorrect.

Sydney's declining attendance figures will take a further nosedive if both APIA and Pan Hellenic are not somewhere near the leaders.

The bottom six I see as Auburn, South Sydney, Wollongong City, Granville, Sutherland and Manly.

Auburn, which had such a splendid run in '75, is going to miss defender **Les Hucker** who has gone to Hakaoh and will also find it harder to get results when it they expected of you than when they are not.

The often brilliant South Sydney will have to be more consistent to improve on eighth place, as will Wollongong City even though it is so difficult to toss on its home ground.

Lack of goals will make it a hard year for Granville and Sutherland although both delight in knocking off the big guns.

At present it appears that Manly, like so many teams in the past, will find the climb into first division too huge a step and chances are that it will return to second

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POLONIA 2 (Esposito, Kupicz) KEILOR AUSTRIA 0. Best players, Polonia: S. Klain, Jaworski, Dziedzic; Austria: Santos, Dimitrievski, Kandi.

CAPTAIN HITS MANAGER

Keilor Austria captain Milan Vidakovic punched team manager Peter Kolandt after the Keilor v. Polonia match at Maribyrnong.

Pedro Santos

The punch was landed in the dressing room, after Kolandt had started in no uncertain terms what he thought of Austria's performance.

Vidakovic, a former J.U.S.T. player, was suspended by the club after the incident.

Austria started the match behind the eight-ball with its best player, **Cesar Valencuela,** and **Jack Holovcka** out injured.

Louis Aguirre had a slight injury and didn't come on until half time and left winger **George Andrades** was also injured.

Andrades was so ineffective that Polonia right back **Stan Klain** had virtually no opponent and was able to dictate the game.

Austria's injured were sustained in its Noordenne Cup match against Bell Park the previous day.

It lost that match 0-1.

Polonia played poorly, missing the leadership of **Eddy Lerch** who was injured and had to coach from the sidelines.

Keilor Austria was even worse.

Centre back Pedro Santos stood head and shoulders above every other player on the field. He should be playing in State League.

Santos is every bit the shrewd, seasoned professional. He is a highly skilful, constructive defender — a type so rare in Australia.

Chris Dimitrievski was solid in Austria's goal and right back **Nick Kandi** also had a fairly good game.

Polonia took the lead in the 13th minute when **Ralph Esposito** belted the ball home in a sustained attack.

But if Polonia supporters regarded that as the start of a deluge, they are mistaken, for Polonia died as quickly as it had come to life.

Polonia's second goal did not come until 10 minutes from the end.

Herman slipped the ball to Kupicz and the former Keilor City midfielder slammed it hard into the top of the net.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

Stan Klain

DOCKERTY CUP ROUND — UP

The 16 clubs left in the Dockerty Cup for the next round on the Queen's Birthday holiday, Monday, June 14, are: HELLAS, J.U.S.T., BOX HILL, CROYDON, SUNSHINE, MOOROOLBARK, RINGWOOD-WILHELMINA, SLAVIA, POLONIA, ALTONA, MAKEDONIA, HAKOAH, JUVENTUS, ESSENDON LIONS, MELBOURNE, ALEXANDER.

TEAM OF THE WEEK

BORG (Ajax)

S.KLAIN (Polonia) — SANTOS (Austria) — MAIKOUSIS (Wests) — KUPINIC (Croydon)

SOWULA (Newport) — CULINA (Lions) — PICIOANE (J.U.S.T.)

PALINKAS (J.U.S.T. — BERDINI (Box Hill) — ARMSTRONG (Hellas)

11 METRES JUST NOT CLOSE ENOUGH

David Cole scores from the penalty spot for Ajax. Mick Banagan was the only other Ajax player who managed to score from there.

BOX HILL 2 (Beredini, Smart) GREEN GULLY-AJAX 2 (Collins, McCurry) after extra time. Box Hill won on penalties 3 (Taylor, Corke, O'Hare) to 2 (Banagan, Cole). Best players, Box Hill: Beredini, Corke, Taylor, Ajax: Mick Borg, McCurry, Collins.

You had to feel sorry for Green-Gully Ajax goalkeeper Mick Borg. He saved three Box Hill penalties, yet still his side lost.

The teams were deadlocked at 2-2 after extra time of a dull match and penalties were called for to produce a result.

Borg saved Box Hill's first, by **Bob Smart,** then **Mick Banagan** scored for Ajax.

Borg saved **Mike Benton's** shot as well and when **David Cole** scored, Ajax appeared to have the match sewn up.

However, **Ray Taylor** pulled one back and then Ajax's **Mike Brazil** missed the goal altogether.

Paul Corke scored to make it 2-2 and Ajax continued to blunder when **Malcolm Bradshaw** blasted metres wide.

Serge Beradini, who had been Box Hill's best player, took his shot and again Borg saved.

Clarke of Ajax could have won the match with the next shot but he hit the post and the ball went out.

Each side had taken its five penalties. Now the first one to miss would lose the match.

Martin O'Hare, who sat on the bench, proved the matchwinner. His shot scored to put Box Hill 3-2 ahead and Franz Berens — you guessed it — missed the goal altogether.

Best of the players were **Beredini,** Ajax midfielder **Dave McCurry** ,Box Hill centre back **Paul Corke** and little **Roy Collings** whom Ajax bought from Sunbury.

Ajax scored first, when Collins found the net with a flying scissors kick from McCurry's cross in the 10th minute.

Box Hill struck back two minutes from half time.

Ray Taylor took a corner and **Serge Beredini** headed it home with a lot of power.

Box Hill replaced **Andy Minton** with **Bob Adams** at half time and in th 70th minute, the Hillmen went to the lead when **Bob Smart** goaled after a long solo run through the middle by **Beredini.**

Ajax coach **Mike de Bruyckere** also made a change, bringing on **Clarke** for former Melbourne player **Andy Segi,** the most skilful forward Ajax has.

In the 77th minute**Dave McCurry** equalised direct from a corner, and with help from the wind.

Three minutes before the end of ordinary time, **Fran Berens** came on for the slow **Peter Marshall.**

However, there was nothing Ajax could do to contain Box Hill, which was the superior team during extra time.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

RINGWOOD 2 (Holding, Pepas own goal). PRINCES PARK 0. Best, Ringwood: Williamson, Princes Park: Kamberopolous.

BOULIS ALONE

Phil Williamson — one of the best attackers in the State League, led Ringwood City to a 2-0 win over Princes Park.

Williamson did as he liked with the defence, to set up many scoring opportunities for his side.

Ringwood's first goal came from the boot of **Paul Holding** and the side's second was put in by Princes Park defender **Dimitris Pepas,** after a shot by **David Garthwaite.**

Ringwood was the better side for most of the day because of its experience.

Former Hellas player **Boulis Kamberopolous** was the best player for Princes Park, but he lacked support.

— IAN BROWN

Upset victory by Croydon

Newly-promoted First Division team Croydon caused the only upset of the Dockerty Cup round by beating George Cross 1-0 at Mooroolbark.

It was an own goal by **Francis Mifsud** that sank the Cross. **Syd Steele** crossed the ball, **Paul Deeming** let it go and Mifsud put it into his own net in an attempt to clear.

George Cross' task was made more difficult when Jim Smart was sent off during the second half after earlier having been booked for dissent.

Croydon was strong in defence and had more of the play during the second half and in extra time.

CROYDON 1 (Mifsud own goal) GEORGE CROSS-COURAGE 0. Best players, Croydon: Sykes, Ireland, Kupinic, Keonen; George Cross: Maitland, J. Webb, Kastner.

Croydon used its two recruits, **Miro Kupinic** from J.U.S.T. and **Trevor Owen** from Ringwood Wilhelmina.

Kupinic played well while Owen had an ordinary match.

The best player for Croydon was **John Sykes,** and **Faulkner Ireland** and goalkeeper **Martin Keonen** not far behind him.

Former Mooroolbark player **John Howarth** was especially good during extra time.

George Cross had little more than a competent defence.

Norm Maitland was solid, **John Webb** swept up well and **Lou Kastner** was safe in goal.

—IAN BROWN

Meneses coming?

Keilor Austria is negotiating with former Uruguayan first division player Nestor Meneses who scored more than 20 goals for Sydney club North Sydney Inter last year.

Meneses played for Defensor in Uruguay.

He is pictured right with Keilor Austria coach **Milan Lukic,** who was national coach of Zambia three years ago and who has also led Mcva Sabac in Yugoslavia and minor league team TUS Linford in West Germany.

If Meneses is signed, he will be in familiar company at Austria, which should be renamed Keilor-South America.

Other South Americans in the club include **Cesar Valencuela, George Andrades, Louis Aguirre, Pedro Santos** and goalkeeper **Victor Ledesma,** bought from Marconi - Fairfield.

ALEXANDER 4 - (Thomson, Gibson, Nicolaides, Gillan), BAYSWATER 1 (Butt). Best, Alexander: Thomson, P. Bannon. Bayswater: Butt, Davis.

Thomson shows up

Fitzroy Alexander showed it will be hard to beat in the coming Ampol Cup finals series with a convincing 4-1 win over Bayswater United.

Bayswater, which had a big following of supporters did not give in easy.

It didn't take Alexander long to settle down after Bayswater had got away to a better start.

The side's early drive came from Scottish import Les Thompson who was in fine touch and was controlling the midfield to perfection.

The **Bannon** brothers — **Pat** and **Vince** — were giving the side tremendous drive.

Frank Butt and **Dave Davis** were good players for the underdogs.

George Gillan was a creative forward for Alexander which ran away with the game.

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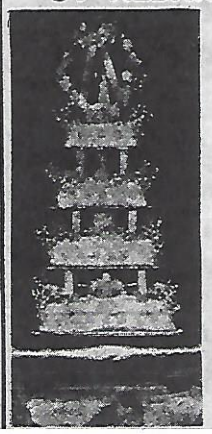

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Best, Hellas: Armstrong, Pye, Ollerton; Fawkner: Spataro, Schipano.

FAWKNER KEPT ON TRYING

South Melbourne Hellas will be the team to beat in the Ampol Cup night series, after its crushing 8-0 Dockerty Cup win over Fawkner.

The Hellas machine was brilliant but lazy in humiliating the bewildered Fawkner team.

Architect of the club's express play was **Jimmy Armstrong** who dominated the first half to give his side a 4-0 hold on the game.

Armstrong ended up with a personal tally of four, two of these coming in the opening 10 minutes.

Fawkner's defence, led by gallant goalkeeper **Spataro**, worked overtime and until late in the game had held Australian striker **Peter Ollerton**.

But the brilliant **Ollerton** ran wild with 15 minutes to go, showed his class, and finished with three goals.

Provisional League club Fawkner knew it faced an impossible task in trying to halt the star studded Hellas attack but it must be granted credit for battling the game right out to the finish.

Hellas will meet some might tough opposition in the Ampol Cup finals but the side is playing so well that it will start favorite to win the series.

Defenders **Arthur Xanthopoulos** and **Mick Pye** were the backbone of the side on Sunday.

Constantly they drove the ball deep into attack and positioned it perfectly for the **Ollerton, Armstrong** and **Peter Bourne**.

Hellas' costly recruit **Duncan Cummings**, was not sighted and the club will be counting on him improving for the all-important remaining Ampol Cup games.

It was a rare sight to see Fawkner attack, even though forward **Schipano** had a few chances to score in the last half.

Not much more can be said about a one-sided clash as it would only be hurtful to poor old Fawkner.

— PETER SWEENEY

JUST 5 (Palinkas 2, Zoraja, Buljevic, Ristovski) BROADMEADOWS 1 (Parrott own goal). Best players, JUST: Ilioski, Palinkas, Picioane, Boland; Broadmeadows: O'Neil, Sacco, Pace.

JUST forward Joe Palinkas does a kangaroo act to head goalwards against Broadmeadows.

Show - off Buljevic

Broadmeadows started full of fire against Footscray JUST and with a little luck could have scored three times in the first 15 minutes.

It was goalkeeper **Dennis Pace** who fired up the Fourth Division side by holding a penalty by **Mendo Ristovski** after **Andy Kazi** had been fouled in the box by **Laurie Gaffa** after four minutes.

After the save, **Martin Sacco**, who played well as a defensive midfielder, got through the JUST rearguard but was foiled by a great save by **Dennis Boland**.

Then **Alan Parrott** cleared off the line from **Jim O'Neil's** long shot. **O'Neill** was probably Broadmeadows' best player, a constant danger on the right wing, where he had the better of **Andy Kazi** until Kazi was replaced at half time.

Despite Broadmeadows' early enthusiasm, it never managed to match the class of JUST, which scored its first goal after 20 minutes through **Joe Palinkas**.

Branko Buljevic, who had great fun showing off his skills, missed an open goal and then **Boland** was forced into action to punch clear a close-range shot by **Tony Scicluna** at the other end.

Slobodan Zoraja scored JUST's second goal off a defender in the 36th minute and then Buljevic missed the ball after a square pass by Palinkas had eluded his defence.

But Buljevic quickly made amends.

He accepted the ball from Kazi, beat the goalkeeper inside the box and faced an open goal.

He could easily have tapped it in but he decided to first beat Andy Gatt who was standing on the line.

Having left Gatt behind, Buljevic rolled the ball into goal from one metre, making the score 3-0 at half time.

Broadmeadows scored just after half time.

Actually, the ball was put into the net by JUST full back Alan Parrott.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

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HELLAS TO QUALIFY FOR SEMIS

By LAURIE SCHWAB

LES OWENS

High-priced and high-powered strikers Duncan Cummings and Peter Ollerton, supported by evergreen Jim Armstrong, will boot Greek giant South Melbourne Hellas into the Ampol Cup semi-finals tonight (Wednesday).

All they have to do is get past a Slavia defence that was beaten by Polonia in its last match.

The Hellas v Slavia clash will start at 7.30 pm tonight at Olympic Park.

The later match, at 9 pm, is between unbeaten Fitzroy Alexander and George Cross-Courage, which must win at least 2-0 to overtake Sunshine City and qualify for the semis.

George Cross has virtually no chance.

Alexander striker Gary Cole is in dazzling form and it wouldn't surprise if George Gillan also turned it on tonight. Gillan has been lifeless since he returned from overseas but he's too good a player to stay out of the limelight for very long.

In midfield, George Cross has no players as good as Alexander's Ian Gibson, and in defence, it has no-one with the polish of Pat Bannon.

It was wrongly reported last week that goal average has a bearing on which team qualifies from Group B.

The situation is simple. If Slavia beats Hellas, then Slavia qualifies along with JUST.

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And Hellas will win. Slavia defenders **Steve McCombe, Jim O'Reilly** and newcomer **Les Owens** are capable of playing tight, safe soccer, but they haven't been doing so.

Even if they do turn it on, they'll be playing the ball to a losing midfield and they'll eventually crack under the pressure.

What we're saying is that the following teams will contest the semi-finals at Olympic Park on Saturday night:

Alexander, Sunshine, Hellas and JUST.

The two semi-finals will almost certainly be: Alexander v Hellas and JUST v Sunshine.

In a way, that is unfortunate, for we lose one of the well-supported Greek clubs, cutting out the possibility of an all-Greek final before a record crowd.

As I see it, JUST should beat Sunshine, especially now that general **Frank Micic** is back in action, and Hellas should beat Alexander if it steps up the pace of its game.

In all its matches to date, the strikers have not been getting the ball fast enough.

A JUST v Hellas final is on the cards.

Likely line-ups for tonight's (Wednesday's) matches at Olympic Park:

HELLAS
1. Kennedy
2. Pye 4. Xanthopoulos 5. Kalafatides 3. Batticciotto
7. Cummings 6. Mackay 8. Daperis 10. Bourne
9. Ollerton 11. Armstrong

11. Pinakos 9. Patten 7. McElhinney
6. Symington 10. Moore 8. J. Train
3. Tansey 4. O'Reilly 5. McCombe 2. Owens
1. Whiteside

SLAVIA

ALEXANDER
1. Reilly
2. V. Bannon 4. P. Bannon 5. Nelson 3. Stogiannou
6. Webster 8. Gibson 7. Karapatsos
9. Nicolaides 10. Cole 11. Gillan

11. Smart 9. Kelly 7. Veljanovski
6. Mifsud 8. Walker 4. Deeming
3. Jones 10. J. Webb 5. Maitland 2. McConville
1. Kastner

GEORGE CROSS

Alexander's and Hellas' line-ups will probably be the same in the semi-finals. Sunshine's and JUST's line-ups in the semis are likely to be:

SUNSHINE	JUST
1. Johnson	1. Boland
2. Lewis	2. Parrott
4. Kokoska	4. Kriaris
5. Petrov	5. Kondarios
3. Howe	3. Kazi
7. Laing	8. Micic
10. McCarthy	9. Picioane
6. Mussel	6. Ilioski
11. Cumming	7. Palinkas
14. Piotrowski	11. Ristovski
9. McRobert	10. Buljevic

Culina showed Lions the way

Essendon Lions toiled hard but was far from impressive in scoring their 2-1 win over Western Suburbs.

Western Suburbs scored the first goal and was well on top at half time, but stopped to a walk when the match went into extra time.

Lions had use of the ball for 80 per cent of the match but it fell down in attack.

Its win was due to the performance of outstanding youngster **Branke Culina** who gave a faultless exhibition of positive football.

Turning point of the match was when Culina was switched to the outside right position and became the instigator of many attacks.

Culina is class. He is fast, agile, and strong enough to take hard knocks, but his finest asset is his mind.

He thinks out his moves — where to place the ball, when, why and who to deliver it to. He did this repeatedly on Sunday, only to see his team mates fritter away golden chances.

Alex Napadowski, a busy forward, was the eventual hero of the Essendon Lions camp.

LIONS 2 (Napadovski 2) WESTERN SUBURBS 1 (Simgonidis).
Best, Essendon: Culina, Napadovski, Copley. Suburbs: Maikousis, Kypirtidis.

Napadowski scored late in the match, from a Culina pass, and headed his second and the side's winning one during extra time.

Western Suburbs was unlucky. It had been the better side for so long but didn't have the ability or energy to withstand a late challenge by Lions.

Suburbs was one up at half time after **Papanayiotitis** took a corner and **Simgonidis** was well placed to head in a valuable goal.

Suburbs' best player was its player-coach, **George Maikousis**, who tried valiantly to stave off Essendon Lions.

— PETER SWEENEY

ALTONA 1 (Hamill) SOUTH DANDENONG 0.
Best, Altona: Hamill, Dimitriou, McNeill. Souths: Rampell, Roussety, Guilemann.

FIZZER!

Inexperience cost South Dandenong a win over Altona City in the Dockerty Cup clash at Sunshine.

South Dandenong had its opportunities to win the match but the side was unable to control its shots in the strong wind.

Altona scored through Tony Hamill at the fifth minute, and this was the only piece of excitement in an otherwise dull affair.

Both sides found unfavorable conditions hard to handle and the game was a fizzer.

— JOE MAJOR

HAKOAH 5 (Roberts 2, Blair, Dosen, Donato) SPRINGVALE 1 (Christians).
Best, Hakoah: Gadsby, Jordanou, Roberts. Springvale, Campbell, Brickley.

Steve Gadsby Hakoah

Springvale surprised Hakoah with its early tenacity but it was only a matter of time before the State League club got on top and scored a runaway win.

The Hakoah machine was starting to work and **Donato** scored soon after.

Hakoah's continual attack was due to the cool, calm and collected efforts of **Steve Gadsby**, who simply could not be passed by Springvale.

Springvale's **David Christians** was awarded a penalty shot and made no mistake.

Hakoah was doing it easily and was not extended.

Roberts scored his second goal but he was Hakoah's main offender in a spate of offside rulings against the side.

The second half continued in a light-hearted fashion.

Vale goalie **Peter Mur** battled hard for his side and made a few good saves.

Hakoah players were given the open spaces of the ground and used them to advantage as the game fizzled out to a tame conclusion.

— PETER SWEENEY

Hakoah coasted to 5-1, but only after its defence had had its work cut out in restraining an eager Springvale attack.

Lukic to **Roberts** for a goal and Hakoah was on its way.

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DETAILS

Western Suburbs 3 (Eaton 2, Ainslie) D. Granville 0. Attendance: 600.

Men of the match: 3 — Alan Ainslie (Wests) 2 — Clive Eaton (Wests) 1 — Tom Morrow (Wests).

Marconi-Fairfield 1 (Sharne) drew South Sydney 1 (Darvill). Attendance: 3,250.

Men of the match: 3 — Paul Degney (Marconi) 2 — Richie Williams (Marconi) 1 — Jeff Whalley (Souths).

APIA-Leichhardt 6 (McCormack 2, Wilson, Jenkins, Rogers, Doyle) D. Manly 0. Attendance: 1,435.

Men of the match: 3 — Colin Bennett (APIA) 2 — John Russell (APIA) 1 — Roy McCormack (APIA).

St George 6 (Abonyi 3, Jenkins 2, Morgan) D. Wollongong City 0. Attendance: 1,340.

Men of the match: 3 — Atti Abonyi (St George) 2 — George Harris (St George) 1 — Paul Coton (St George).

Hakoah-Eastern Suburbs 2 (Muniz, Honeyman) D. Pan Hellenic 0. Attendance: 3,193.

Men of the match: 3 — Agenor Muniz (Hakoah) 2 — Kevin Mullen (Hakoah) 1 — Richie Bell (Pan Hellenic).

Sutherland 2 (Smith, A. Griffiths) drew Auburn (Dellar 2). Attendance: 1,603.

Men of the match: 3 — Steve Hoszowski (Auburn) 2 — Jim Herron (Sutherland) 1 — Richard Hammer (Sutherland).

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APIA	1	1	0	0	6	0	2
St George	1	1	0	0	6	0	2
Western Suburbs	1	1	0	0	3	0	2
Hakoah	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
Sutherland	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Auburn	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Marconi	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Croatia	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Pan Hellenic	1	0	0	1	0	2	2
Granville	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Wollongong	1	0	0	1	0	6	0
Manly	1	0	0	1	0	6	0

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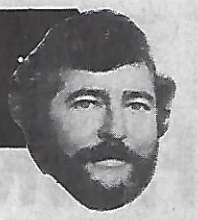

A double blow !

The lacing Ron Corry's Manly team took from APIA must have hurt even more than the broken rib which sidelined him from the opening premiership game.

His replacement in goal, **Peter Dean**, had a nightmare game, allowing through three "sitters" as APIA stole the honors to win 6-0 at Inman Park.

Manly quite obviously will face a torrid time this season, their promotion year, as the playthings of the top first division clubs.

But APIA paid dearly for their goals — midfielder **Willie Wallace** gaining the dubious distinction of becoming the first player to be sent off in the premiership and partner Billy Rogers having his right shin badly gashed.

Both will certainly miss next weekend's game, and could be out for several weeks.

Roy McCormack (two), **Ken Wilson, Ken Jenkins, Rogers** and new signing **John Doyle** found the net as APIA ran Manly ragged.

Doyle, who switched from South Sydney at an undisclosed figure during the week, came on at half time and narrowly missed making it two for his new club when he hit the inside of the upright and saw the ball cross the goalmouth without going in.

Wallace was dismissed midway through the second half by referee **Graham Warne** for a foul on Manly's hardworking skipper **Billy Hutchinson.**

Apart from second half replacement Eddie Howard who several times went close to scoring, Hutchison was the only Manly player to impress.

ATTI CUTS UP GUNSTON COUNTRY

What APIA did to Manly was understandable. But for St George to duplicate the feat against the stronger Wollongong City seemed hard to believe.

Despite the disadvantage of playing in "enemy" territory, Saints barnstormed into the premiership with a 6-0 win over City of Berkeley Sports Ground.

Gone was the hesitancy which saw them finish fourth in the Ampol Cup.

Led by three-goal **Atti Abonyi** Saints scored three times in each half as they rode roughshod through Norman Gunston country.

Abonyi scored in the 13th and 15th minutes and the game was as good as in the bag.

The tigerish little striker netted his first goal from the penalty spot after a City defender had handled the ball, his low shot giving keeper **Barry Glover** no chance.

Two minutes later Abonyi raced clear of the defence to angle the ball past Glover to make it 2-0 and then split the defence before giving the pass for **Mike Jenkins** up from reserves, to crack in the third.

Number three for Abonyi came in the 54th minute with a shot almost from the by-line and Jenkins, again, and rangy **Neville Morgan** completed the rout.

And all done without the help of midfielders **Brendan Grosse** who spent a night in hospital during the week with suspected appendicitis and **Willie Hamilton,** dropped for missing training.

No wonder coach **Manfred Schaefer** was smiling!

Peter Sharne ran on to a retaken free kick from just outside the penalty area to score in the second half.

Jeff Whalley kept Souths on top for much of the game, but Degney's promptings and some neat work by winger **Richie Williams** helped stem the tide.

A depleted Marconi-Fairfield battled to a 1-1 draw with South Sydney-Croatia at Marconi Oval in the opening round of the premiership.

Marconi finished third in the recently completed Ampol Cup but with **Ray Richards** under suspension, striker **Billy Millen** on the transfer list and **Alfredo Moschen** and **Mike Micevski** languishing on the sidelines, they were fortunate to come away with a point.

Souths dominated the midfield throughout the first half — only a non-stop display by Marconis' **Paul Degney** holding the home side together.

Despite their huge share of the ball, Souths squandered their winning chances through poor finishing in front.

CROATIA UNLUCKY

Vernon Darvill put Souths ahead in the 30th minute with a crashing drive from 20 metres into the top right-hand corner of the net.

But Marconi managed to get back on level terms when **Ray Richards** brought Micevski to Sydney from Melbourne last season at some considerable cost, but the youngster seems certain to return there to play with Preston Makedonia.

Keddie for Micevski?

Marconi coach Rale Rasic is keeping tight-lipped about it, but it seems striker Mike Micevski could be back in Melbourne before the week is out.

No financial details are known, but Rasic is certainly not about to lose too much on the deal, despite the fact that Micevski has not been appearing as a first team regular too regularly lately.

But in losing one striker, Rasic is likely to gain another.

Dave Keddie has asked Auburn to let him out of his recently signed two-year contract, and if they agree on a reasonable figure for his transfer, the former international could team up again with his old Australian coach Rasic.

Meanwhile, having ironed out the hitches, Marconi are eagerly awaiting the arrival of Velez Mostar defender **Ivo Prskalo.**

Masterful Muniz

Blond, frizzy haired midfielder Agenor Muniz set Hakoah on a winning premiership trail as the beaten Ampol Cup finalists outsmarted Pan Hellenic at Wentworth Park.

The Blues found themselves held in tight check for most of the game by the hardworking if unspectacular Pan Hellenic.

But a rocketing Muniz goal in the 74th minute took the stiffening out of their opponents and allowed Hakoah to go on and clinch the game 2-0.

It was a pinpoint Muniz cross well controlled by replacement winger **Graham Honeyman** which gave Hakoah the icing on the cake as Honeyman rounded goalkeeper **Gary Meier** and walked the ball into the net.

Muniz was the real difference between the two teams, goading, prompting and distributing with precision and completely outplaying **Rodolfo Gnavi** who had been set the task of keeping him quiet.

Hellenic defender **Richie Bell** was a tower of strength, his only real lapse allowing **Terry Smith** to round him and then spoil his chance by shooting wide.

Mullen, given freedom on the right, played soundly for Hakoah with numerous breaks down the flank until he left the field with an ankle injury in the 79th minute.

Mullen, like his teammate **Murray Barnes** with whom he spent some time at Leeds United in England a few years ago, has taken time to develop, but is not showing the benefits of the experience.

Joe Watson on the right wing was always busy, Hakoah seemingly intent on playing everything to the right and leaving left winger **Hilton Silva** out in the cold.

Why, is a mystery, for Silva is a skilful ball player. But as Honeyman scored after coming on in the 71st minute as his replacement, the switch had some justification.

OLINOWSKI DEFENCE FRUSTRATES SLAVIA

SLAVIA 1 (O'Reilly) NEWPORT 0. Best Players, Salvia: Tansey, J. Train, O'Reilly; Newport: Sowula, Opstapczuk, Orlinski.

Mike Olinowski, the masterful defender from Polonia, passed on his knowledge to Newport and reshuffled Slavia found it hard to get goals.

Olinowski is the new coach of Newport. He would be player-coach if he could get a transfer, but Polonia wants $2000 for him, although he gave the club 14 years' service.

Newport officials are adamant they will not pay a cent and Olinowski says he's quite happy to coach from the bench.

This seasoned campaigner, who together with Eddy Marmur, formed the backbone of Polonia for so long, decided on a defensive approach against Slavia.

The back four of **George Orlinski, Ted Smietanka, Eddy Ostapczuk** and **Joe Lipiarski** were supported by midfielders **Eddy Wrobel** and **Marian Sowula, who were in defence for most of the match.**

Sowula was the best man afield. He may not have the skills of some of the Slavia players but he certainly had a lot more fight.

Whereas Newport was solid in defence, it was non-existent in attack.

The fact that **Zenon Kolanowicz** and **Omar Masic** were having a hate session didn't help much.

Slavia coach **Ken Kontra** lined up singing winger **Bill Buchanan** and another winger, **Dave McFarlane,** for their first match since arriving from the UK.

Just before half time, left back **Les Owens** crossed to the far post where little Buchanan, who plans to sing on "New Faces" soon, headed just wide.

The winning goal came just after half time — and what a goal it was.

O'Reilly scored it, booting is spectacularly in mid-air while falling, after a cross by **Jim Train.**

—LAURIE SCHWAB

SUNSHINE 3 (Kokoska, McCarthy, Laing) MORELAND 1 (Evans) Best players, Sunshine: Cumming, Piotrowski, Kokoska; Moreland, Pilson, Jones, Duncanson, Bedford.

Moreland of the Second Division, very smart in its new England strip, faced up to Sunshine City.

A new face at Moreland this year is that of **John Bedford,** the ex-Hellas star who was with Croydon City last season, and is now player-coach at Moreland.

Moreland provided stern opposition, and kept Sunshine scoreless until the 18th minute, when **Steve Kokoska** went up for a **Jim McRobert** corner and headed the ball home.

At the 35 minute mark, Moreland was awarded an indirect free kick at the edge of the box, against **Bill Johnson,** the Sunshine goalkeeper.

The free kick rebounded from the wall and **Ray Evans** was on the spot to bang it home, to make the half-time score, 1-1.

With the breeze behind it Sunshine swarmed its attack in the second half, and took the lead again after 51 minutes, when an **Ian McCarthy** free kick found the Moreland goalkeeper off his line.

His desperate attempt to save only pushed the ball into the net.

Wilf Laing completed the scoring when he was put through by **Kaz Piotrowski** to hit a left foot shot low into the corner of the net.

The last quarter of an hour was all Sunshine, but although **Tommy Cumming** at times turned the Moreland defence inside out, Sunshine couldn't increase its lead.

Although well beaten, Moreland to its credit, never stopped trying and was well served by **Herbie Pilson, Johnnie Jones, Robbie Duncanson** and of course **John Bedford**.

Best for Sunshine were **Tom Cumming, Kaz Piotrowski** and **Butch Kokoska.**

— LES SHORROCK

JUVENTUS 4 (C. Lucchesi 2, J. Lucchesi, Kokkinos) RINGWOOD UNITED 0. Best, Juv. C. Lucchesi, J. Lucchesi, Ring: Smith.

The Lucchesi brothers, Claude and John, were the main reason for Juventus scoring a 4-0 win over Ringwood United at Sunshine on Sunday.

But Juventus was not impressive.

Playboy **Ulysses Kokkinos** made his debut with Juventus and scored his side's fourth goal right on full time.

He had earlier figured in from a penalty but was ordered to retake his shot with which he hit the post.

— JOE MAJOR

MOOROOLBARK 2 (French, Clarey) WAVERLEY 0. Best: Mooroolbark: Plunkett, French. Waverley: Katz, Storey.

The understanding of key forwards Graeme French and Mike Clarey gave State League club Mooroolbark a 2-0 win over a determined Waverley.

The win was a solid one for Mooroolbark but it didn't have things all its own way, as Waverley battled the game out to the end.

Waverley recruits, **Joe Katz** and **Bob Saunders,** were two of their side's better players. The two have just crossed from Hakoah.

Former Mooroolbark goalkeeper **Roy Lawton** played a good game with Waverley.

A highlight of the match was an accurate 35 metre free kick by Saunders which was brilliantly stopped by reliable **Terry Hawke.**

Mooroolbark's goals came in each half.

— IAN BROWN

MELBOURNE 3 (Szabo 2, Waldyke), Doveton 2 (Smith 2). Best: Melbourne, Fowler, Szabo; Doveton, Smith, Riess.

Melbourne, demoted to the first division of the Metropolitan League, was extended to extra time before it scored a 3-2 win over Doveton at Mooroolbark.

Melbourne, which didn't impress greatly, came to life in extra time, moved around well and with superior fitness, proved too good late in the game.

Melbourne's star was **Joe Szabo** who booted the team's first goal and also another in extra time to give his side the points.

Another top player was midfielder **Stuart Fowler** who controlled the centre and drove Melbourne deep into attack.

Charlie Kelly proved a thorn to Doveton, which was best served by **Smith** and **Bill Riess.**

Doveton was the better side early in the game but as it went on, Melbourne showed its superiority.

— IAN BROWN.

MAKEDONIA 1 (McIntyre) St Albans 0. Best: Makedonia, Laumets. St Albans Powell, Westos.

Preston-Makedonia, ready for its first season in State League, struggled to get the better of and finally beat, a nagging St Albans side.

The game could have been won by St Albans, as **Ian Cassidy** missed two glorious scoring chances and Makedonia goalkeeper **Peter Laumets** gave an outstanding exhibition.

Laumets made two brilliant saves in the final five minutes of the game to save his team from certain defeat.

Preston midfielder Billy McIntyre was the difference between the sides.

McIntyre kicked a goal for his side and was a constant thorn to St Albans with his long driving kicks.

St Albans had its chances to secure victory, and for much of the game looked the superior side.

Makedonia centre half **Jim McCracken** was a key player.

— JOE MAJOR.

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Williams faces a tough task

Wollongong City coach Herbie Williams faces a mammoth task in pulling his team out of the doldrums sufficiently to hold high flying Western Suburbs on Saturday.

City took one of their biggest hidings in years in going down 0-6 to St George last weekend while Wests retained their winning Ampol Cup form to get the premiership quest off to a sound start.

But Saints coach **Manfred Schaefer** has troubles of his own for the game against Marconi-Fairfield on Sunday.

Does he bring back midfielders **Brendan Grosse** and **Willie Hamilton** who missed last weekend's game, or does he retain his winning combination?

Marconi, needing to find a balanced side for the premiership, seem certain to rush import **Ivo Prskalo** into the centre of their defence to strengthen what has been a somewhat shaky spot.

Hakoah have too much ability to be overly concerned about Granville on Sunday, but can expect a determined struggle from the Magpies.

Auburn, only a shadow of last year's team, could find themselves in trouble against Pan Hellenic.

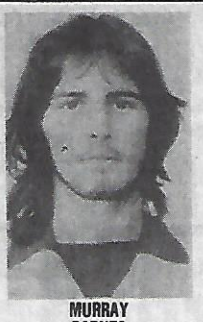
Hellenic played soundly in going down to Hakoah last weekend while Auburn coach **Joe Marston** still has to settle on a balanced team.

With **Terry Bertram** in England, **Gerry Walker, Les Hucker** and **Alec McMillan** transferred and **Dave Keddie** and **Frank Malone** seeking transfers, there is not much left of the old Auburn.

APIA will be without both **Willie Wallace** and **Billy Rogers** fo their clash with Sutherland but should still hold too many guns for **John Watkins** and his men.

And last but not least, South Sydney play Manly who will find it hard to shake off the effects of their 6-0 defeat by APIA last weekend.

Murray Barnes — the ideal professional



MURRAY BARNES

The emergence of Murray Barnes as a top class striker is the start of a new breed of players that will eventually dominate the national team, and Australian soccer as a whole.

There's a string of players with the ability necessary to ensure that soccer has a bright future in Australia.

Murray Barnes is a credit to the game, and he's a pleasure to coach.

Barnes, 23, a member of Sydney club Hakoah, spent a year with Leeds United about three or four seasons ago.

Playing with a professional outfit has obviously done him a power of good.

The striker, who plays midfield with his clubs, is an ideal front man, a definite target.

Because of his height, he's extremely good at reaching high balls.

His size makes him deceptive. He's not fast but certainly is not slow.

Barnes has a long stride and is a good mover. He's intelligent and knows where he is going on the ground.

His best quality is ball control.

He has worked hard on this over the past year and improved it out of sight.

Opinions of our national coach, Brian Green

Last year Barnes was sloppy and loose with his control of the ball, but this year he handles it like a class player, especially the ball that comes onto him.

Barnes has developed a fanatical will to score goals. This is a must for front players. They have got to want goals and be prepared to go in and get them.

Barnes is also tremendously brave.

He can get knocked down 20 times and he will get straight up 20 times.

If he's hit and he stays down, then you know it's best to get the trainer out to him immediately.

He never makes a trainer come onto the ground unless it is something serious.

In my book Barnes is the ideal professional.

He goes about training quietly but very effectively and thoroughly.

He is a pleasure to work with and I can't talk highly enough of him. The same applies to the whole Australian squad, which has knuckled down and done the job asked of it.

There are no problems with Barnes he is a good listener, worker and learner and will push himself to the top on the Australian soccer scene.

He has been a consistent goalscorer this season and the majority of his goals have been nothing short of spectacular.

He has real finishing power with a positive purpose behind it.

Murray Barnes was among our best three players in Auckland and Melbourne in the recent series against New Zealand.

He will be among the the top few for a long time yet if keeps playing the way he is at the moment.

Superb Alan Ainslie

Western Suburbs, fresh from their Ampol Cup triumph, eased smoothly into the premiership with a 3-0 win over Granville at Garside Park.

Wests grabbed an early lead and never looked back, although the game was by no means as one-sided as the scoreline suggests.

Striker **Clive Eaton** scored two goals with former international **Alan Ainslie,** who had a superb game, providing the other.

A fit looking Ainslie maintained a workrate which suggested that his days of representative football may not yet be over.

His stinging left foot drive from 20 metres out in the fifth minute paved the way for Eaton's first goal.

Goalkeeper **Steven Watson,** who had an outstanding game for Granville, could not hold the ball, and Eaton was able to stab it into the net from close range.

But the youthful Granville side was not intimidated by the setback, and gave as good as they got for most of the first half.

Granville's young forwards **Brian** and **Gary Northcote** and **John Asmus** were full of fire early in the second period, and only the coolness of Australian captain Peter Wilson prevented an equaliser.

But the breaks did not go Granville's way. Midfielder **Ian Bendall** was clear with only goalkeeper **Wal Lachowicz** to beat when the ball bounced awkwardly allowing **Steve Perry** to concede a corner.

Granville's hopes of getting back into the match were shattered in the 59th minute when Ainslie scored with a right footed shot after **a fine run by winger Tom Morrow.**

Morrow then provided the pass for Eaton to notch his second goal three minutes from the end.

RICHARDS TO BE SOLD?

The Marconi Fairfield soccer committee is expected to recommend to the club's senior committee tonight (Wednesday) that Ray Richards be placed on the transfer list.

Richards, a star in Australia's World Cup team, was player-coach of Marconi last year.

He was replaced by **Rale Rasic.**

Richards said this week: "The blokes up front are firing the bullets at me but the man who's pulling the trigger isn't prepared to come to the fore."

The trouble started when Richards called club official **Mario Muro** a name.

When he was called before the senior committee to be disciplined, he told the committee he did not recognise its jurisdiction over disciplinary measures, because Rale Rasic had told the team that was his domain.

Richards said this week the senior committee now wanted an apology. He said he was willing to give it one but that it wouldn't make much difference as he expected to be transfer-listed.

He said he had long since patched up his difference with Mario Muro.

Coach dies

Jimmy Livingstone, assistant coach of Hakoah Easts has died in hospital.

Livingstone, Sutherland's first-grade coach in 1975, had been ill for some time.

Mihailovic sold

Preston Makedonia has sold Tom Mihailovic to Riverside Avala in Sydney.

Makedonia bought Mihailovic fro Yugal-Prague last year.

Steve blunted Sharks' teeth

The goalkeeping brilliance of Auburn's Steve Hoszowski enabled his side to salavage a point with a 2-2 draw against Sutherland at Seymour Shaw Park.

Yet while Auburn were lucky to escape with the result they did, it was Sutherland who twice had to come from behind.

Sutherland had the giants or, to use their new name, the Sharks' share of play, but lost out on a deserving win through Hoszowski's dazzling display

Pat Dellar put Auburn ahead against the run of play after 20 minutes of lethargic football.

But sound lead-up work by **Jim Herron** enabled **Paul Smith** to equalise 12 minutes later.

Four minutes later Auburn went ahead a second time, again through Dellar who picked up a pass from **Derek Sidey** and gave keeper **Mal Haynes** no chance.

Auburn fell back into a defensive pattern to try and hold their lead after the break as the Sutherland forwards applied constant pressure.

But the chances which came their way were either squandered or frustrated by the overworked Hoszowski.

Sutherland appeared unlikely to equalise despite their dominance, but seven minutes from the end **Alan Griffiths** found the net.

Sutherland, led by former international **John Watkiss,** threaten to produce their best side since entering first division four years ago, but while their midfield is strong and creative they are missing the skills of injured **John**

Now Poulakakis wants cash

Manny Poulakakis, who was hired and fired as coach of Hakoah last week, will fight for the money he was promised to take up the appointment.

Poulakakis said this week that Hakoah president **Mr Les Erdi** offered him a four-figure sum to coach Hakoah in 1976.

"I knocked back other offers to take the Hakoah job, so I expect to get the money I was promised," Poulakakis said.

"I expect the Hakoah committee to honor the promise of its president, whom I respect as an honest man of impeccable character."

Mr Erdi, head of the Commodore Hotels chain, club chairman **Mr Peter Pryles,** and recruiting officer **Mr Robert Levin** resigned from the club last week after the committee failed to ratify the appointment of Poulakakis.

The committee decided that the reigning coach, **Sandy Henderson,** should be kept on.

Moves to get Poulakakis, who last year led Alexander to the State League championship, started four weeks ago.

Poulakakis turned down the job because he was planning to take his wife to Greece for a long holiday but Mr Erdi's offer eventually became too good to refuse.

Poulakakis told **"Soccer Action"** that he accepted the job at a meeting with Mr Erdi and Mr Pryles last Monday week.

He said they told him they had full authority to hire him and that they shook hands on the deal.

The following day, Tuesday, Mr Erdi left Poulakakis at the George Hotel in St Kilda, while he went to Middle Park to tell Henderson that he was being replace.

When Henderson stormed off angrily, Erdi brought Poulakakis to the ground to complete the training session.

Poulakakis said he gave the players a talk on the reasons the team had lost to Polonia in the Ampol Cup.

On the Wednesday, Poulakakis had a look at the club's juniors and on Thursday he had his first full training session with the seniors, during which he told them they played stone age soccer.

That night, the Hakoah committee had a meeting.

It backed Henderson and refused to accept Poulakakis as the new coach.

MR Erdi, Mr Pryles and Mr Levin promptly resigned.

The departure of Mr Erdi, said to be a millionaire, cuts off the club's major source of finance, for Mr Erdi had given Hakoah thousands of dollars.

On Friday morning, club secretary **Mr Kurt Defris** rang Poulakakis to tell him of the committee's decision and to adivse him not to come to training that night.

Hakoah captain David Baker, the 1975 Rothmans Medallist, has sided with the Erdi camp.

He refused to play in the Dockerty Cup match against Springvale on Saturday.

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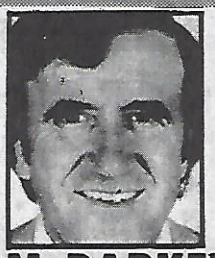

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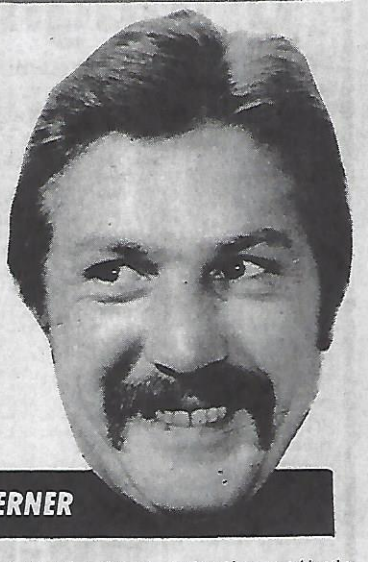
A tip from old Phineas: add horses and some bearded ladies

I was most impressed by that Yank associated with American soccer who visited our shores last week.

He gave a staggering description of how they go about promoting a relatively new form of football in a country steeped in that strange amalgam, gridiron.



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It comes as no great surprise, knowing that the Americans are not famous as a nation of fence sitters, or have that attitude of let's doze off for a while and catch up later.

The corporation boss thinks there are millions upon millions of sport consumers on the globe that their gridiron is not reaching, so the order goes out: "Reach these people!"

Behold, the professional promoters go among the flock and proceed to disseminate the gospel of soccer according to:

Demand will follow if the supply is vibrant, spellbinding and enthusiastic.

These protagonists don't wait around until the public decides whether or not it likes the game or waits for a natural increase in its followers. They simply produce supporters!

The result of a modern approach in trying to attract an ever-increasing number of spectators is beneficial both to those enjoying the game now and to those wishing to find a new form of entertainment.

Being impressed by American know-how, I thought I would get into contact with another famous American who could possibly help us.

Unfortunately the dear fellow has been dead for 80-odd years, so out with the old ouija board and into the trance.

"Are you there Phineas? Are you there?"

"Hello! Phineas T. Barnum here. Can I interest you in the world's greatest conjurer? No? How about a guy who . . ."

"Barnum, Barnum hang on. We have a problem here and I am ringing to ask if you could lend us some of your excellent brinkmanship."

"OK sonny. What's the problem? Shoot."

"Well, it's our soccer. Nobody seems to be coming to it any more."

"No sweat. Easy. Problem solved. By the way, what's soccer?"

"Two teams of 11 opposing players fight for the possession of a round leather ball and attempt to place said ball into a rectangle, thus scoring a point or goal."

"Eh, can we add horses, nets and some bearded ladies?"

"I'm afraid not. We are restricted by these rules and regulations."

"Right, this is how we must advertise. One month before the event saturate the media with this notification: 'Ladies and gentlemen, your attention please. For your entertainment and edification, we have assembled the greatest, the most expensive, the most powerful soccer giants in the land.

"Two teams of torturous titillation to tighten the teeth as they combat each other in mortal conflict until the ultimate victor is decided. A spectacle of such grandeur . . ."

"Wait! Wait, Barnum!" Do we have such teams? I mean, soccer here is quite low key."

"Son, it doesn't matter what product is in the pressure can as long as the purchaser is convinced that the contents will put him above the banal and that the women will find him irresistible. The idea is to sell an idea, imagination will take it from there. If you convince the people that they had a good time, their reply will be 'Thanks for the memory', and they'll come back next week. Use the old Barnum approach. Tell them that this game is brought to them at such an enormous expense that we are forced to charge an entrance fee of $10 but, as an introductory offer and at huge cost to us, we will let them in for half price. They will fall over themselves to get this bargain.

"Another useful ploy is theme tunes, big music for the supporters to associate with. This must be played on all advertisements and at all games. None of this music to soothe the savage breast stuff. Big, big music!

"It's also a good idea to get players to endorse the products of big companies. This gives them exposure and puts them into the celebrity class. It helps pay for the advertisement too.

"Names! Remember to give your teams inspiring names, names that conjure up power and vitality. Now, a lot of organisers get very coy and locally ethnic in this area.

"Eh, give me some localities and native fauna as an example."

"How about Bondi, Richmond, South Melbourne and kookaburra, emu and kangaroo?"

Footeroos

"Good, now some people would come up with the likes of the Bondi Boys, the Richmond Rovers or the Souths and, heaven help us, the Soccerburras, East Emus and, I shudder, the Footeroos.

"Now, no self-respecting agency would dare suggest names like these to a company seriously trying to sell a product.

"Take Richmond Thunder or Bondi Pig Power or Atomic South. These are names that dictate arrogance and fearlessness.

"As most animals and birds are timid creatures they don't tend to strike fear in the hearts of men, especially if men are carrying guns.

"But how many of us would poke their fingers into a nuclear reactor, or be unimpressed while leaning against an iron girder during an electrical storm?

"Psychology! We must have psychology!

"There is an alternative to pressure-oriented spectator-getting and that is to treat soccer as a quasi religion, allowing only the fanatics or converted to participate.

"You make it an exclusive club, issue ties in bad taste and run the sport purely as a hobby.

"Select nice people with nice attitudes and play in a nice locale combined with a nice picnic and euchre at half time.

"The advantage here of course is that all the players and spectators can go in the same car.

"On the other hand, if you want to continue paying high prices for dynamic players and world quality coaches and treat the audience with respect, then you must convince them not to stay at home watching the 'Penthouse Club' or 'Mary Hartman Mary Hartman'.

"I guess, Phineas, one could say that without promotion I would be writing this on a quill."

"You could say that, my perspicacious friend, but I would have said that without promotion you would be talking to a nobody."

"Thanks, Phin, I'll pass your message on."

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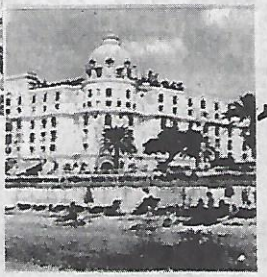

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Dutch champions at cashing in

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'World Soccer'

Holland did not win the World Cup, but the Dutch players proved themselves champions at cashing in on their success, first when qualifying for the decisive series and then in reaching the Final. No other side competing on the playing fields of Germany in the summer of 1974 can claim to have made such a financial "killing", as the men in the orange shirts of the Netherlands.

Wim van Hanegem — big pay cheque.

Out of the total net receipts collected by their Football Federation the national squad, comprising 22 players, pocketed a cool 70 per cent!

The idea of win bonuses paid to national representatives is relatively new.

The German or Italian stars, for instance, called up to play for their country, were, until the 1966 World Cup at the latest, expected to perform for "the honour and glory of representing the nation".

England's internationals used to receive just a match fee, until the Football Association generously distributed $2000 per man for winning the World Cup in 1966. But times have changed.

The German players cashed in for finishing third in the 1970 world tournament in Mexico, to the tune of $6000 per head.

The real pay-off came in the 1974 World Cup, but only after prolonged and often embarrassing negotiations between the players and the DFB (FA) officials.

Every member of the West German World Cup squad collected a total of $30,000, made up of an outright win bonus, match fees, plus ex-gratia payment for using the "adidas" boots and other equipment.

And this is not counting the various emoluments from lucrative commercial contracts.

Italian players were promised some $40,000 each in the event of winning the World Cup, but of course, they came nowhere near collecting any tangible bonuses.

The Brazilians, who for their World Cup victory in 1970 were paid $60,000 per man (from all sources), could have earned a similar amount, had they succeeded in Germany.

Rinus Michels — collected about $62,000.

What has happened in Holland, however, has no parallel in international football.

Out of gross takings amounting to about $1 million, the KNVB (Royal Netherlands Football Federation) was left with a net profit of just $12,000.

At the same time the 22 World Cup players were allowed to share about $400,000, and this after they were already paid $200,000 for qualifying for the final series.

This means that the Dutch stars collected more money from their Federation, than the victorious West Germans, who, as host nation, did not have to qualify.

The First Division club AZ'67 received over $15,000 compensation for the release from contract of their manager **Cor Van der Hart**, in order that he could become the assistant to national chief **Rinus Michels.**

The Dutch squad's stay in West Germany costs about $100,000 — an enormous sum towards which the Federation recouped some $30,000 from the World Cup Organizing Committee.

National manager **Rinus Michels**, already then in charge of CF Barcelona, who was appointed as "supervisor" to the squad only shortly before, and during the world series, was paid a staggering $62,000, in which the travelling costs of his five lightning visits to Barcelona were included.

But other outgoings, too, deserve to be mentioned to demonstrate what a big business football, especially at the level of a world championship, has become.

On insurance cover for the players the Federation forked out about $50,000, mdical welfare cost over $16,000; telephone, telegrams and telex swallowed $10,000, on publicity material, like brochures, photos etc., over $15,000 was spent and on gifts about $8000.

And it must be remembered that the travelling costs because of the proximity of venues were comparatively small.

But the most surprising fact to emerge is the meek submission of the Football Federation to its players.

This body which has to find funds for such ventures as the organisation and development of youth football, coaching schemes, training centres etc., should have cashed in on such a rare money spinning event as the World Cup.

Instead, it was the already highly paid stars who scooped the jackpot.

A more blatant example of the misuse of "player power" has yet to be seen.

And the advent of the freedom of contract will next expose the clubs to the ransom.

The division of profits accrued from the 1974 World Cup, produced in Holland the following figures:

Distributed to the playing staff (22 men) — 70% — about $400,000.

For those clubs which provided players — 24% — about $150,000.

To other professional clubs — 2% — about $12,000.

To the Players' Union — 2% — about $12,000.

To the KNVB (Football Federation) — 2% — about $12,000.

World Cup in the cold

If the 1978 World Cup finals are indeed played in Argentina, they will inevitably be compared with the Mexico Olympics.

There was much speculation about the athletes' ability to cope with the high altitude in Mexico.

One of three new stadiums being built in Argentina for the World Cup, is at Cordoba, which is 1400 feet above sea level and whose average temperatures for June and July are 65 deg. C. during the day and 4 deg. C. at night.

There will also be a new stadium at Mendoza, which is at an altitude of 2700 feet and has near-freezing night temperatures.

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According to Kaz Deyna of Poland and Legia Warsaw, Billy Bremner is the only British player good enough for a place in European "all stars" team.

Deyna chose this line-up for a Warsaw newspaper: Maier; Breitner, Rijsbergen, Becenbauer, Francisco Marinho; Netzer, Bremner, Neeskens; Lato, Cruyff, Gadocha.

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Real Madrid's Paul Breitner has turned film star.

The former Bayern Munich champion has a part in the film "Potato Fritz", filmed recently in Spain.

Breitner plays the role of a US cavalry officer.

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The Indonesian FA has invited Italian champion Juventus to play a series of games in Djakarta in June.

Perhaps Juventus could be brought from there to Australia to play against either Bologna, Catanzaro, the Italian Army team, Perugia or any other Italian team that happens to be here at the time.

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Rumor has it that Real Madrid has approached Bayern Munich with a $1.2 million offer for midfielder Uli Hoeness.

Real has denied the move but will obviously have to shop around for a replacement for **Guenter Netzer**, 31, whose contract expires in June.

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Jozsef Poczik, Hungarian international star from Raba Eto Gyor, has been jailed for four years after a noisy visit to a bar where he and his brother started a fight with a waiter and then a policeman.

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Oh to be a referee in Spain. The Spanish part-time whistlers are earning $140 a game, plus expenses.

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Whenever the board of West German club Eintracht Braunschweig meets, the president brings along his dog.

The pet, aged 13, has already had two heart attacks and is never left alone by his master.

Eintracht's board meetings never last more than 90 minutes because by then the president's pet gets up and shows it's time for his stroll.

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Father Eligio, a close friend of AC Milan supremo Gianni Rivera, has published a book in which he claims that Italian soccer is "in the hands of gangsters" and rich presidents give money to clubs "only so they can sit in the best seats."

The title of the book is "The Cows".

Marinho back to Brazil

Mario Marinho, one of the few successes of Brazil's 1974 World Cup team, recently fell into disfavor with Barcelona's coach and was banished to the reserves.

It was quite an insult to the man who had been playing alongside **Johann Cruyff** and **Johann Neeskens** in Barcelona's senior team and who was hailed by the world press during the World Cup.

The current Brazilian champion, International of Porto Alegre, noted Marinho's demotion from across the Atlantic and promptly bought him back for $170,000.

Incidentally, International had to puay a staggering 81 games during its season . . . and we complain about our 22 league matches!

Geoff Hurst to Seattle

Geoff Hurst, the only person to score three goals in a World Cup final, has left Stoke City to join Seattle Sounders in the U.S.

Hurst joins two other British stars, **Arfon Griffiths** and **Mike England** at Seattle.

Hurst, of course, was the hero of England's 4-2 victory over West Germany in the 1966 World Cup final.

Reports from Europe indicate that **Jairzinho**, now playing in France, may join fellow Brazilian **Pele** at New

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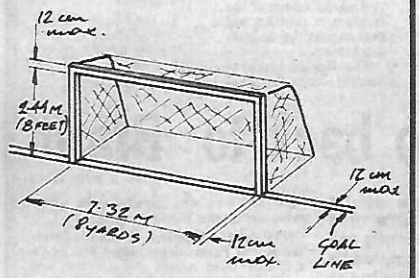


I have to apologise because the question last week was not complete. Somehow the position of the halfway line flag disappeared. It was supposed to be on the touch line in this case.

The field of play has to have other markings, goals and corner flags, and optional halfway-line flags. Let's discuss them.

The goals shall be placed at the centre of each goal line and shall consist of two uprightposts joined by a horizontal cross bar.

Goal posts and cross bars must be made of wood, metal or other material approved by FIFA. They may be square, rectangular, round, half-round or elliptical in shape.

Nets may be attached to the cross bars, posts, and ground. The nets should be supported so to allow ample room for the goal-keeper.

The goal posts should be painted white. In some countries they paint stripes across them.

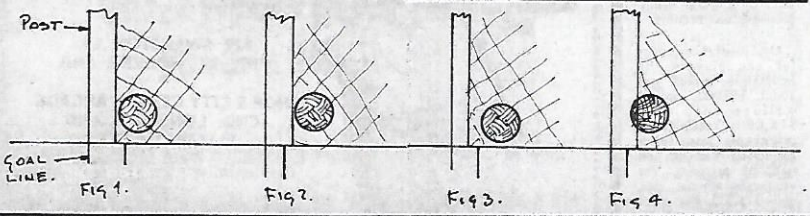
The posts must be vertical. Both posts! Many variations are available in Melbourne.

One post leans outward, the other inwards, or both to the right or to the left.

The law states that the posts and cross-bar should have the same width and the goal line should have the same width as the goal-posts and cross-bar, so the goal line and the goal-posts will conform to the same interior and exterior edges.

This is very important! Some sections of the competitions are very careless on this matter. Secretaries please check your own ground, and correct it so when the time comes, the ref. will be satisfied that your ground conforms to the rules.

This week's question concerns the illustrations. Which one is a goal and which one is not and why!



Locals outshine classy imports

The most pleasing aspect of the Sydney Ampol Cup final and play-off for third place was that the young, locally produced players, not the imports, proved the match winners.

Some players, almost unknown before the Ampol Cup, established themselves firmly as stars of the future.

Hakoah's **Kevin Mullen**, for example, emerged as one of the most progressive full backs in the country.

Young **Taylor**, the Western Suburbs left back, showed he is developing into a very good player and West's **Peter Stone** continued improving. It was Stone more than any other player who inspired Wests' success.

He played well in the lead-up games and was one of the best players in the final, which Wests won 2-1 against Hakoah.

Young **O'Shea** performed with much maturity in the other match and was the maestro of the St George team, while Marconi's **Gary Byrne** continued his spectacular rise.

St George's **Mark Jankovic** continues to improve with every match and there are other local players who are going from strength to strength, players like **Steve Perry, Brendan Grosse, Peter Sharne** etc.

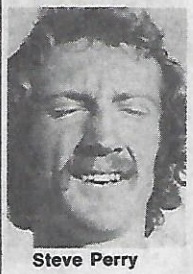
And of course there are the more established young players like Hakoah's **Murray Barnes** who has starred with the national team and Marconi's **Ernie Campbell**, now playing in midfield and probably the most brilliant performer in Sydney soccer.

I understand that in Melbourne too, local players are outshining the imports.

I've heard that JUST's **Mendo Ristovski** is developing into a star in the truest sense of the word and that young players like **Arthur Xanthopoulos** (Hellas), **Gary Cole** (Alexander), **Duncan Cummings** (Hellas), **Zoran Ilioski** (JUST), and **Bill Jordanou** (Hakoah) are turning on some inspired soccer.

It all goes to show that we have what it takes in Australia and that, with proper coaching, we could produce many more outstanding players.

Brendan Grosse



Steve Perry

Gary Byrne

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Already we are proving that our own products can be as good, and probably better than the imports.

Don't get me wrong, though. I don't disagree with bringing imports to Australia. They do help to improve the standard of our game.

What I object to is indiscriminate importation.

We should be trying to get only top-level players, even if they cost a lot more. One top-class player is worth scores of second-raters.

No truth in claims

I strongly deny all reports suggesting that I am interested in any way in the position of State coach and NSW Director of Coaching.

I have never even considered these positions.

Although I am on very friendly terms with the NSW executive, I have no interest in applying for or accepting these positions.

Mendo Ristovski

MAKEDONIANS FAIL TO GET GROUND

Preston Makedonia has been KO'd in its attempt to use the Preston football ground this year.

The Victorian Football Association has vetoed the move and Makedonia officials are disgusted.

Preston Football Club faced certain expulsion from the VFA if it shared ground facilities with Makedonia.

Chairman of the VFA, **Cr Alec Gillan**, said: "We have a resolution that our clubs cannot share grounds with other clubs.

"This has not been introduced to prevent Preston Makedonia from using the ground; it's a resolution that has operated for years.

"Clubs have been suspended from the VFA for sharing their grounds with other football clubs and sporting bodies.

"In the past they have been given a year's grace to get back on their own, but these days it is instant dismissal.

"We are definitely not opposed to soccer, but we can't have it at the expense of Australian Rules.

"We have to preserve our game.

"It's impossible to share a ground successfully because it is too small and arguments start as to who controls what.

"VFA clubs decided years ago to introduce the expulsion rule if clubs shared with others. It's a self-protection rule for Australian Rules."

Preston Makedonia spokesman **Branko Trajanovski** said: "They are afraid that once we get in they won't be able to get us out.

"We were desperate and would have agreed on anything to play there.

"Now we will have to struggle for another year.

"We are not happy to stay at Cochrane Reserve, but it's a case of have to.

"It was not an overnight decision on our part to try to get use of the Preston ground, as we had talked about it for months.

"Game fixtures would not have clashed at all, as we had our matches planned for alternate Sundays.

"Nothing would have interefered at all.

"We were led to believe we'd have a good chance of playing at the ground this year, and now we face last-minute preparations at Cochrane Reserve for the start of the season in two weeks."

Next year Preston Makedonia will play at a new soccer complex at the corner of Radford Road and Broadhurst Avenue, Reservoir.

The complex, on 19 acres of land, includes a $100,000 pavilion and four soccer fields.

The complex is named the B. T. Connor Reserve.

Preston Council will write to the VFA to get confirmation on its rule regarding expulsion if a club shares a ground.

$8000 FEE

Wollongong's flying forward Phil O'Connor may switch clubs soon, if someone can afford his transfer fee.

Wollongong is apparently holding out for $8000.

At least two clubs are interested in buying him — South Sydney Croatia and Marconi Fairfield.

Whether they can afford $8000 remains to be seen.

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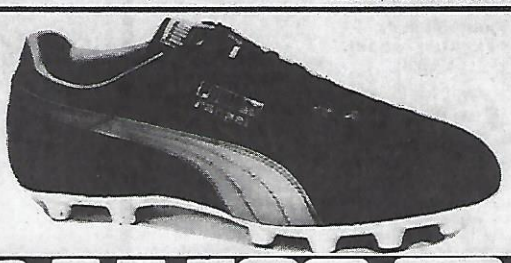

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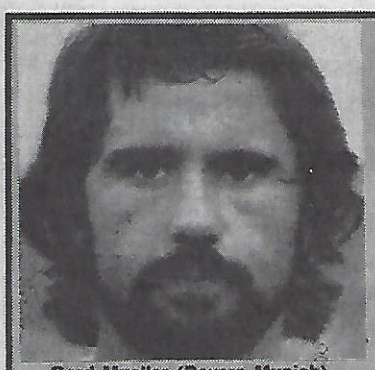
Bayern Munich set for third European Cup



Gerd Mueller (Bayern Munich)

Billy Bonds (West Ham)

Munich, AAP-Reuter: Bayern Munich turned on its champions style, banging five second half goals past Portugal's Benfica and striding into the last four of the European Cup, which it has won for the past two years.

After a goalless draw in the Lisbon leg, Benfica held out for 49 minutes in Munich, before Franz Beckenbauer and his all stars tore holes in the visiting defence to win 5-1.

Bernd Duernberger, whose fitness had been in doubt, scored four minutes into the second half and again seven minutes later.

Rumenigge made it three 12 minutes later, and though Nene promptly revived Benfica with a headed goal, World Cup star Gerd Mueller, at his brilliant best, scored twice to the delight of the 74,000 capacity crowd.

Meanwhile, in St Etienne, the French champion, two down after the first leg in the Soviet Union, rubbed out both goals against Dinamo Kiev, and the match went into extra time.

Herve Revelli and Jean-Michel Larque scored second half goals to peg back the Soviet champions and then, in extra time, 20-year-old Dominique Rocheteau scored the goal which eliminated the Ukrainian stars, holders of the European Cup Winners' Cup.

Real Madrid had almost as close a call against Borussia Moonchengladbach, the reigning West German champion.

Following a 2-2 draw in Duesseldorf, the Germans shocked their hosts with a goal by Jupp Heynckes midway through the first half.

Real striker Santillana hit back six minutes after the break to the joy of the 120,000 crowd.

There was no further score, leaving Real to survive thanks to its two away goals.

In the "battle of the dark horses" the Dutch champion, PSV Eindhoven, rubbed out the two-goal deficit it had suffered in Yugoslavia against Hajduk Split and went on to win in extra time.

It took PSV 62 minutes to cut its arrears.

Then goals by Dahiquis and Lubse in two minutes threw the match wide open.

Twelve minutes into extra time Dutch striker Willy Van Der Kuylen got the goal which carried the Dutch team, in the wake of its predecessors Ajax and Feyenoord, into Europe's last four.

In the Cup Winners' Cup, Anderlecht (Belgium), Sachsenring Zwickau (East Germany), West Ham (England) and Eintracht Frankfurt advanced to the semi-finals.

Stuart Lee put Wrexham, the English Third Division club, back into the match against Anderlecht shortly after half time, levelling the early goal which the Belgians had scored in Brussels.

But Dutch World Cup star Rob Rensenbrink regained the lead for the aristocratic Belgian side.

A fourth-minute goal by Ludwig Blank — the man who scored the saving goal in Glasgow — carried Zwickau through against Celtic, without two key players who went down with flu overnight.

The East Germans won 2-1 on aggregate.

West Ham, which pulled up from 0-4 to 2-4 in the first leg, got a flying start against the Dutch cup holder Den Haag.

Alan Taylor, Frank Lampard — passed fit only a few hours before the kickoff — and a penalty by captain Billy Bonds gave the London club a 3-0 half-time lead.

Later Lex Schoenmaker, the former Feyenoord free scorer, pulled one back for the Dutch team but West Ham survived on away goals in a 5-5 aggregate.

In the European Football Union (UEFA) Cup, Hamburg (West Germany) and FC Bruges (Belgium), Liverpool (England) and Barcelona (Spain), clinched semi-final places.

Only Barcelona had much to spare — and its match had no shortage of thrills for the 65,000 Bulgarian crowd.

Beginning four down from the first leg in Spain, Levski Spartak Sofia pulled one back through World Cup star Pavel Panov in eight minutes.

Two minutes later Yordanov raised Bulgarian hopes with a second, but near the interval Barcelona stirred itself with goals by Marcial and Asensi.

Another Levski attack saw Spasov regain the lead two minutes into the second half but Argentina's Ramon Heredia soon cancelled that one out.

The Dutch "import" Johan Neeskens nosed Barcelona ahead from the penalty spot with 28 minutes left.

Late goals by Yordanov and Panov consoled the fans but left Barcelona victor 8-5 on aggregate.

AC Milan of Italy had to beat Bruges at least 3-0 in Milan to make up for its 0-2 loss in Bruges.

However, the Italians failed badly, winning only 2-1 and going down 2-3 on aggregate.

Details:

EUROPEAN CUP

In Munich: BAYERN MUNICH (West Germany) 5, BENFICA LISBON (Portugal) 1 (half time 0-0).

Scores — Bayern: Duernberger (2), Rummenigge, Mueller (2); Benfica: Nene. Attendance: 54,500.

Bayern won 5-1 on aggregate.

In Madrid: REAL MADRID (Spain) 1, BORUSSIA MOENCHENGLADBACH (West Germany 1 (half time 0-1).

Goals, Real: Santillana; Borussia; Heynckes.

Real Madrid won on away goals rule — aggregate 3-3.

In St Etienne: St ETIENNE (France) 3 DYNAMO KIEV (Soviet Union) 0.

After extra time — score after 90 minutes 2-0: Half time 0-0).

Goals, St Etienne: Revelli, Larque, Rocheteau.

St Etienne won 3-2 on aggregate.

In Eindhoven: PSV EINDHOVEN (Holland) 3 HAJDUK SPLIT (Yugoslavia) 0. (After extra time — score after 90 minutes 2-0: Half time score 0-0).

Goals, PSV: Dahiquis, Lubse, van der Kuylen.

PSV: Eindhoven won 3-2 on aggregate.

CUP WINNER'S CUP

In Zwickau: SACHSENRING ZWICKAU (East Germany) 1, CELTIC (Scotland) 0. (half time 1-0).

Scorer: Blank. Attendence: 40,000.

Sachsenring Zwickaw won 2-1 aggregate.

In London: WEST HAM UNITED (England) 3, DEN HAAG (Holland) 1.

Goals, West Ham: Taylor, Lampard, Bonds penalty; Den Haag: Schoenmaker.

West Ham won on away goals rule — aggregate score 5-5.

In Wrexham: WREXHAM (Wales) 1, ANDERLECHT (Belgium) 1.

Scorers, Wrexham: Lee; Anderlecht: Rensenbrink.

Anderlecht won 2-1 on aggregate.

In Frankfurt: EINTRACHT FRANKFURT (West Germany) 1, STURM GRAZ (Austria) 0.

Frankfurt qualified 3-0 on aggregate.

UEFA CUP

In Sofia: LEVSKI SPARTAK (Bulgaria) 5, FC BARCELONA (Spain) 4 (half time: 2-2).

Scorers, Levski: Pandy (2), Yordanov (2), Spasov. Barcelona: Marcial, Asensi, Heredia, Neeskens (penalty).

Attendance: 65,000.

Barcelona won 8-5 on aggregate.

In Mielec: STAL MIELEC (Poland) 0, SV HAMBURG (West Germany) 1 (half time 0-1).

Scorer: Nogly, Attendance: 25,000.

Hamburg won 2-1 on aggregate.

In Milan: AC MILAN (Italy) 2, FC BRUGES 1 (half time 1-0).

Bruges won 3-2 on aggregate.

In Liverpool: LIVERPOOL (England) 2, DYNAMO DRESDEN (East Germany) 1.

Liverpool won 2-1 on aggregate.

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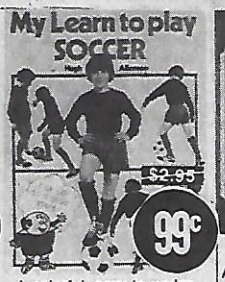

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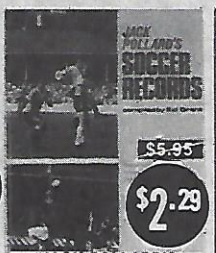

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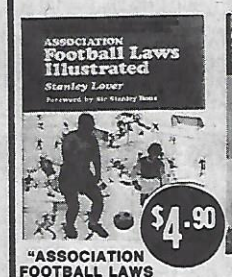

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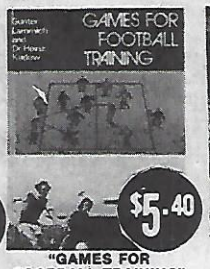

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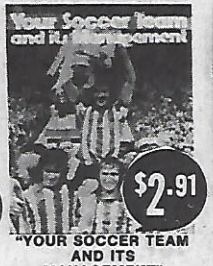

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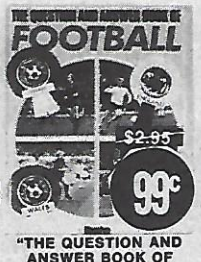

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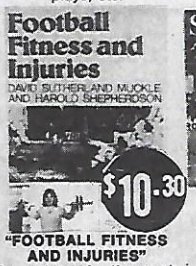

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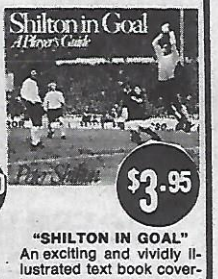

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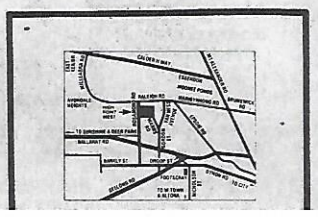

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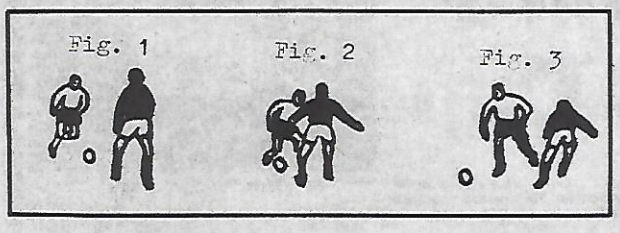


Dribbling, part 3

When an attacker wants to dribble or "take on" a defender he is usually in one of two situations:

(a) Closely marked by the defender or, (b) In a position where he has sufficient space to run at the defender.

In the first instance the dribbler may find it harder to beat the defender for two reasons:

(A) The defender may be in a good position to force the attacker where he wants him to go, and

(B) The attacker will probably be moving slowly.

In such situations the attacker must have good control of the ball and should try to unbalance the defender before sprinting past him.

This may be done by either moving the ball or feinting to move with the body in order to make the defender shift his weight on to one foot.

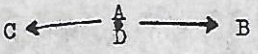
In Fig. 1 the attacker feints to move to the left and causes the defender to move to the right.

In Fig. 2 the attacker plays the ball past the defender on the right side, as the defender shifts his weight on to the right foot.

In Fig. 3 the attacker accelerates past the defender.

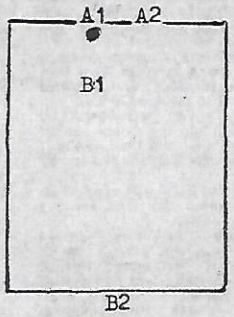
The attacker should focus on the defender's hips and legs so that he can see when it is the best time to change direction.

Practice 7



Player A must give the ball to either B or C.
If A moves towards B, player D must position himself between A and B to prevent B from receiving the ball.
Each player has five attempts and then the pairs change places.

Practice 8



A1 starts with the ball and must try to beat B1 and reach the opposite end of the area.
If successful A1 takes on B1 again and then gives the ball to A2, who tries to beat B2.
The A players keep dribbling until they lose the ball.
Each time a dribbler beats his opponent he scores his team a point.

Junior clubs in Victoria and NSW are invited to submit material for publication on this and other pages. We are especially interested in photographs of young players. Send your photos and stories to: Soccer Action, 250 Spencer Street, Melbourne, 3000.

State team trials

Victorian State teams trials for the following regions and age groups will be held at the following venues on Saturday, March 27:

U/12, Lalor region, Albion Rovers S.C., 1 pm

U/13, Dandenong region, Waverley S.C., 1 pm

U/14 Yarra region, Monash University, 9.30 am.

U/15, Peninsula region, Overport S.C., 1 pm.

Pennants to mark success

Polonia under 12s, State League Colts premiers and Cup winners last year, proudly display their pennants.

Standing, from left: Mr K. Mierzwa (team manager), Fr R.Gamanski (coach), Jim Algefski, John Vathis, Paul Maligeorgos, George Hotzopolos, Paul Petridis, Mr T. Yankos (team manager).

Second row: Frank Kuczynski, Nick Meletis, Peter Borucinski, Benco Bozinoski, Mladen Mladenoski.

Front: Charlie Yankos, Svetoslo Meletis.

Watch out for Tom

District League club Thomastown has a young player who should be playing for Victoria.

So says club president **Nick Iacobucci.**

The player is 12-year-old **Thomas Talaj**, a winger.

Mr Iacobucci said: "Thomas is fast, tricky, skilful and has the ball control of a senior. He will go a long, long way."

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Next issue, reliable Fitzroy Alexander defender Pat Bannon will be the guest columnist, answering queries from readers.

Boys are invited to write to Pat, C/- "Soccer Action", 250 Spencer Street, Melbourne, and ask him questions about soccer and himself.

Victorian squad member and brilliant midfielder Peter Bourne of South Melbourne answers Startalk questions this week.

PETER BOURNE

Q: What was your worst injury during your soccer career? (Question by Peter Knights, Queen Street, St Mary's, NSW).

A: In 1968 when I was playing for English First Division club Burnley I suffered a serious knee injury that stopped me for playing for about 20 weeks.

We used to train a lot in a gym at the ground and it had a sprung wooden floor surface which caused players a lot of injury problems.

I ripped the ligaments in my right knee and this put me out of action.

It was worse than a cartilage, which can be cleared up within six weeks.

The injury finished my career in England but I have not been troubled by it since playing in Australia.

Q: Who is the best player you have seen in Victoria State League soccer? (Question by John Spitz, Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena, Vic).

A: I would rate **Arthur Xanthopoulos** as good as anyone I have seen.

He was playing for the Victorian Under 16 side when I arrived here and I could see then that he would make the top grade.

He just had what it takes to make it and there is little he lacks, if anything.

Mendo Ristovski of Footscray JUST has come up along the same lines and he is a brilliant player.

Keith Adams of Ringwood is a good full back and Alexander's **Gary Cole** could be the player to keep an eye on.

Q: What do you think of the present Australian team? (Question by Alan Lupton, Elizabeth Drive, Cronulla, NSW?(

A: I have seen the side play only once, and that was against the Russians late last year.

We beat New Zealand convincingly, but how can you gauge what that is worth?

Some people believe there are too many Sydney players in the side, but the coach picks the side he wants and it's up to him.

Q: Do you get nervous before you play and if so what do you do about it? (Question by Adrian Funston, Advantage Road, Highett (Vic.).

A: I do get a little nervous before State games and finals matches between State League clubs.

I get toey before games against clubs like JUST and Fitzroy Alexander, because there is usually a big crowd.

I get up in the morning and go for a walk down to the shops to settle myself and about 11 o'clock have a meal of steak and eggs.

Once I get onto the ground and get a touch of the ball I am right.

Q: If South Melbourne Hellas wins tonight Wednesday and makes the finals of the Ampol Cup series, how will the team go? (Question by Steve Mimmerman, Brunswick Rd Coburg, VIC).

A: If we win our way through to the finals after tonight, then I fancy we will win the Ampol Cup.

We are starting to play well at the right time.

Duncan Cummings has settled into the side and is booting goals for us.

I think Alexander will fall down when it comes to the crunch and we will be able to beat JUST, who have not been impressive lately.

Learn from experts

Young players will have the opportunity to watch some of England's finest players in Melbourne and Sydney in May.

They are the stars of Tottenham Hotspur, the English First Division side often seen on **"The Big Match"** on television.

Spurs' top players are goalkeeper **Pat Jennings** who will soon set a record for the number of Northern Ireland caps and **Martin Chivers**, a successful striker.

Spurs are 13th, on the English First Division ladder.

The will play against Victoria in Melbourne on May 9 and against Australia in Sydney on May 18.

The Metro Scene with LES SHORROCK

TWO GAMES, TWO DAYS, TOO MUCH

Croydon City, the giant-killer of the Dockerty Cup, found the effort of playing two big games on successive days too much, and went down 1-4 to close rival Box Hill in the Cumberland Cup.

Box Hill's opponent in the East final, Springvale City, won a cliff-hanger against Waverley City, equalising with five minutes to go and then winning on penalties.

Doveton continued its good pre-season form by cracking in three against South Dandenong, and its forthcoming section final, against Frankston City, should be well worth seeing.

Altona City won a hard fought game against Western Suburbs 3-2, mainly because it scored twice in the first 10 minutes.

It increased its lead to 3-0 but came under a lot of pressure late in the game when Western Suburbs scored twice.

CUMBERLAND CUP RESULTS:

East Section: Waverley 1 v Springvale 1 (won on penalties); Box Hill 4 v Croydon 1.

South Section: Doveton 3 v South Dandenong 1; Frankston 2 v Moorabbin 0.

West Section: Princes Park 0 v Green Gully Ajax 3; North Carlton 1 v Broadmeadows 0.

North Section: Western Suburbs 2 v Altona C. 3; Bell Park 1 v Keilor 0.

The draw for section finals to be played on Sunday March 28, are:

North Carlton v Green Gully Ajax; Altona v Bell Park; Springvale v Box Hill; Frankston v Doveton.

OLYMPIC PARK

The Cumberland Cup, in only its second year, received a big boost last week with the announcement by the VSF that the semi-finals will be staged at Olympic Park on Wednesday March 31.

This will be the first time that an all-Metropolitan League competition is played at soccer headquarters, and it says much for the growing importance of the competition.

Furthermore, a Cumberland Cup competition has now kicked off in Queensland, and there is a possibility that a grand final can be arranged between the two State winners at the end of this season.

Since the Cumberland group also has interests in South Australia and New South Wales, the prospect of a four-State final series looms large.

My predictions for the semi-finalists are: Altona City, Box Hill, Frankston City and Green Gully, but Cup Soccer being what it is, I could quite easily be wrong.

FIVE FIRSTS

The Metro League will have five representatives, all from the First Division, in the Dockerty Cup second round, on June 14.

They are Altona City, Box Hill, Croydon, Essendon Lions and Melbourne.

Apart from these survivors, several Metro teams from lower divisions shocked their higher placed opponents before going under.

Newport held Slavia until almost half-time, when **Jim O'Reilly** popped up to score the all important goal.

In the second half Newport held its own and Prahran Slavia were happy to win 1-0.

At Sunshine, Preston Makedonia made heavy weather of beating St. Albans, again by the only goal of the match, scored by the ever-reliable **Bill McIntyre**, in the 40th minute.

Preston must be seriously worried about its lack of striking power for it has scored only five goals in pre-season games and McIntyre, playing as a mid-fielder, has scored four of them.

Indeed, St. Albans, playing with a strong wind behind it, had the Preston defence toiling in the first half and **Ian Cassidy** must still be wondering how he missed two golden opportunities in that period.

Bayswater went down to champion Fitzroy Alexander as expected by the fairly wide margin of 4-1, but was far from disgraced.

At Middle Park, Springvale City went under to Hakoah to the tune of 5-1 as expected, but it can take consolation from its pre-season performances.

It had won seven games straight before this tie, scoring 21 goals to four, and next Sunday it meets Box Hill in the final of the east section of the Cumberland Cup with the prospect of playing in the semi-final proper at Olympic Park.

Its mid-field has been powered by a rejuvenated **Billy Milne**, now fully recovered from the knee injury that ended his career at Brighton.

The top performance of the round was that of Croydon City which defeated State Leaguers George Cross in extra time 1-0.

Croydon, urged on by a large following, were magnificent on the day.

Johnny Howarth, I'm sure, must have enjoyed the experience of winning on his old ground Esther Park, Mooroolbark.

SM's REMARKS OUT OF ORDER

OUR SAY

A magistrate said in a Melbourne courtroom last week that soccer could eventually be banned because of wild demonstrations.

Mr P. Clothier, SM, said in the city Court while fining a man $400 over charges arising from the abandoned match between Victoria and Velez Mostar at Olympic Park on January 31:

"It is people like you whose behavior reaches such a stage at these soccer matches that soccer could eventually be banned."

If such is the case, what is the future of cricket?

On the same day as the unfortunate Velez v Victoria game, 23 people were arrested at the West Indies v Australia cricket game at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Fighting that lasted 20 minutes preceded the arrests.

If Mr Clothier believes that the trouble at the Victoria v Velez match was serious enough to cause speculation about the future legality of soccer, then he should start applying the same logic to cricket, for on the basis of arrests, the trouble at the MCG was worse than that at Olympic Park.

Mr Clothier should have limited his remarks to the offences committed by the man he was judging, for Mr Clothier was not sitting in judgment on the game of soccer.

Did Mr Clothier know that the demonstrations at Olympic Park had absolutely nothing to do with the game of soccer?

The trouble was political. Croats demonstrating against Yugoslavia and vice-versa.

Had a leading Yugoslav politician been invited to Australia by the Federal Government, there would have been similar demonstrations.

"Soccer Action", like everyone else, deplores all demonstrations that are not peaceful.

We also deplore thoughtless judgements made about the game of soccer, which has had to endure more vilification in Australia than any other sport.

Australia's general attitude to soccer reflects a racist attitude in this country that is as strong as anywhere else in the world.

Non-natives are either wogs, krauts, poms, commos or God knows what. What's more, those descriptions are usually prefaced by adjectives like "dirty" or "rotten" or something equally as choice.

They'll tell you they don't really mean it the way it sounds, that we're all good mates in Australia.

But you'd have to look long and hard for an Australian who doesn't consider himself superior to a Greek, an Italian, a Yugoslav, a Dutchman, a Pom.

There's no denying that in the eyes of ocker Australia, Europeans are undersirables and their soccer the domain of "wogs."

They'll tell you in a patronising manner that the English soccer on TV is very skilful and that those fellows have amazing footwork.

Ask them if they ever go to the local soccer and they'll tell you they don't want to stand among all those wogs.

Obligingly the people who run the soccer federations are bowing to this type of racism by doing everything in their power to remove telltale traces of soccer's origins.

Scores around the world

FRANCE

Valoncionnes 3, Metz 0; Lyons 3, Lille 0; Nantes 3, Saint Etienne 0; Strasbourg 1, Bastia 3; Sochaux 4, Monaco 0; Nice 2, Marseilles 1; Bordeaux 2, Paris St Germain 1; Nimes 1, Avignon 0; Troyes 1, Lens 1; Nancy 3, Theims 1.

AUSTRIA

Austria Salzburg 1, Admira Wacker 1; Sturm Graz 0, SW Innsbruck 3; Austria WAC 5, Grazer AK 0; Austria Klagenfurt 0, Voeest Linz 0; Linzer Ask 2, Rapid Wien 3.

POLAND

GKS 2, Slask 1; Wisla 2, Legia 0; Lech 1, Gornik 2; Polonia 1, LKS 1; Zaglebie 0, Row 2; Stal M. 2, Pogon 0; Ruch 0, Stal RZ. 0; Widzew 1, Szombierki 0.

WEST GERMANY

Bayern Munich 4, Borussia Moonchengladbach 0; Hertha Berlin 1, Kickers Offenbach 0; Eintracht Frankfurt 5, Hanover 96 1; VFL Bochum 2, Kaiserslautern 0; Eintracht Brunswick 4, Schalke 04 1; Werder Bremen 3, Bayer Uerdingen 0; Rot-Weiss Essen 1, SV Hamburg 1; MSV Duisburg 0, FC Cologne 4.

EAST GERMANY

There were no East German first division soccer matches this weekend because of tonight's Olympic qualifying match against Austria in Vienna.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Skoda Plzen 0, Slovan Bratislava 0; Banik Ostrava 3, Dukla Prague 0; Inter Bratislava 1, Spartak Trnava 2; Lokomotiva Kosice 10, Lisz Jblonec 1; Jednota Trencin 0, Zbrojovka Brno 2; ZCL Zilina 3, TZ Trinec 0; Bohemians Prague 9, Slabia Prague 0; Sklounion Teplica 2, VSS Kosice 0.

SPAIN

Sevilla 3, Racing 1; Athletico Madrid 3, Real Oviedo 1; Granada 0, Hercules 0; Barcelona 3, Real Bolis 1; Athletic Bilbao 1, Las Palmas 0; Salamanca 1, Real Sociedad 2; Elche 2, Espanol 1; Sporting 1, Valencia 1, Real Zaragoza 3, Real Madrid 1.

TURKEY

Fenerbahce 2, Eskisehirspor 1; Bolusper 0, Galatasaray 1; Altay 1, Orduspor 0; Trabzonspor 1, Adana D. Sper 0; Giresunspor 1, Besiktas 1; Adanaspor 1, Goztepe 0; Bursaspor 1, Balikesirspor 0; Zonguldakspor 1, Ankaragucu 0.

HUNGARY

Videoton 4, Csapel 0; Ujpest Dozsa 3, Tatabanya 2; Budapest Honved 3, Raba ETO 0; Kaposvr Rakoszi q, Ferencvaros 1; Vasas 1, Zalaegerszeg 1; Haladas VSE 3, Szeol 2; Bekescsaba 1, Diosgyoer 0; MTK 3, Salgotarjan 0.

HOLLAND

Feyenoerd 4, Go Ahead Eagles 2; FC Amsterdam 1, NEC 1; FC Utrecht 2, MVV 1; AZ'67 2, Eindhoven 0; De Graafschap 1, FC Twente 1; PSV 6, Telstar 1; Roda JC 0, Ajax 0; FC The Hague 1, Sparta 0; Excelsior 0, NAC 2.

Table after 24 matches: 1. PSV 37 points, 2. Feyenoerd 37, 3. Ajax 36, 4. FC Twente 35, 5. NEC 31.

GREECE

Apollon 4, Panserraikos 1; Airoumitos 0, Olympiakos 1; Vamina 1, Panaitolikos 0; Ethnikos 2, Panachaiki 1; Heraclis 0, AEK 1; Kastoria 1, Aris 0; Panathinaikos 1, Panionios 0; Pierikos 1, Paok 2.

BELGIUM

FC Malinois 4, R. Mafinos 0, RWD Molenbeek 5, Berchem 0; FC Liegeois 0, CS Brugeo 0; La Louviere 1, Beveren 1; FC Brugeois 5, Ostend 0; Beringen 2, Anderlecht 0; Beerschot 2, Waregem 1; Lokeren 1, Standard Liege 0, Antwerp 1, Charleroi 1.

PORTUGAL

Belenenses 1, Sportiug 0; Tomar 0, Leixoes 0; Setubal 3, Atletico 0; Guimaraes 3, Estoril 1; Benfica 7, Braga 1; Farense 2, CUF 0; Academico 0, Beavista 1; Porto 0, Beira Mar 0.

DEFENDERS DECIDE GAMES

London — A massive no-change in the English League Soccer scene — the winners all won and shifted the spotlight to the contrasting roles of the centrebacks.

In Queens Park Rangers' win at Stoke the only goal was squeezed in by centreback David Webb, upfield for a free kick. His partner, 36-year-old Frank McLintock, captain in the absence of Gerry Francis, tarnished a masterful display by getting cautioned for dissent — his third such booking of the season.

The Londoners, may have to do the last lap of its run-in without him.

At Newcastle, the central defenders of Manchester United, who snatched a 4-3 victory after being behind at halftime, were out of the limelight. Their Newcastle counterparts were not so lucky.

Each of them — John Bird and Pat Howard — Scored an own goal. Howard was booked for kicking at Stuart Pearson, who had scored the "real" Manchester goals.

The centrebacks of Liverpool and Derby, sharing third place behind rangers and Manchester United, marshalled their defences to protect away wins.

England's Roy McFarland gave Middlesbrough no chance to rub out Charlie George's vital goal for Derby and Kevin Hector snatched a second. McFarland broke his nose but stayed on.

The Liverpool defence was pressed at Norwich but ex-England captain Emlyn Hughes and young Phil Thompson, attacked the goals endlessly. Liverpool, with a handful of counter-attacks, got one through David Fairclough, deputy for the lanky Welsh striker John Toshack.

The glory and heartbreak of the centreback was rolled into one at Leicester where Aston Villa' Irish international defender Chris Nicholl ranged wildly from the role of hero to villian — twice.

Brian Kidd scored a hat trick in Arsenal's 6-1 win over West Ham.

At Northampton Jim Hall scored a hattrick. He scored in a wild eight-minute spell.

Results:

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE: Arsenal 6, West Ham 1; Birmingham 1, Coventry 1; Burnley 1, Spurs 2; Everton 1, Leeds 3; Leicester 2, Aston Villa 2; Manchester City 3, Wolves 2; Middlesborough 0, Derby 2; Newcastle 3, Manchester United 4; Norwich 0, Liverpool 1; Sheffield 1, Ipswich 2; Stoke 0, QPR 1.

DIVISION TWO: Bristol 0, Fulham 0; Charlton 2, Blackburn 1; Chelsea 0, Bristol Rovers 0; Notts County 1, Blackpool 2; Oldham 1, Sunderland 1; Orient 3, Luton 0; Oxford 1, Portsmouth 0; Plymouth 1, Hull 1; Southampton 1, Carlisle 1; West Bromwich 2; Bolton 0; York 3, Notts Forest 2.

DIVISION THREE: Brighton 2, Swindon 0; Bury 2, Hereford 3; Chester 2, Chesterfield 1; Colchester 2, Gillingham 2; Halifax 0, Wrexham 1; Mansfield 1, Crystal Palace 1; Millwall 1, Port Vale 0; Preston 0, Grimsby 0; Rotherham 1, Sheffield Wed. 0; Shrewsbury 3, Cardiff 1; Walsall 4, Aldershot 1. Firday: Southend 0, Peterborough 0.

DIVISION FOUR: Bradford 3, Torquay 1; Brentford 0, Crewe 0; Cambridge 2, Southport 2; Doncaster 0, Exeter 0; Huddersfield 1, Barnsley 2; Newport 0, Hartlepool 1; Northampton 6, Bournemouth 0; Reading 4, Darlington 1; Scunthorpe 0, Lincoln 2; Watford 2, Tranmere 2; Workington 0, Rochdale 0. Friday: Swansea 5, Stockport 0.

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION: Dundee 0, Celtic 1; Hibernian 0, Dundee United 1; Motherwell 2, Aberdeen 1, Rangers 3, Hearts 1, St Johnstone 1, Ayr United 2.

SCOTTISH SPRING CUP, Third Round: Albion Rovers 1, Arbroath 0. East Fife 2, Brechin 0; Kilmarnock 0, Falkirk 1; Montrose 3, East Stirling 0; Stirling Albion 0, Morton 1; Stranraer 0, Airdrieonians 1; Berwick 2, Alloa 2, Clyde 2, Raith Rovers 2; Clydebank 4, Queen Of The South 0; Dunfermline 1; Hamilton 2; Forfar 3, Meadowbank 3; Queens Park 2, Cowdenbeath 0; St. Mirren 1, Partick Thistle 2; Stenhousemuir 2, Dumbarton 1.

NORTHERN IRISH LEAGUE: Ballymena United 3, Larne 2; Ranger 0, Ards 0; Clifton-Ville 0, Coleraine 1; Distillery 0, Crusaders 7; Linfield 1, Glenforan 2; Portadown 0, Glenavon 1.

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DIVISION ONE:

27 — Alan Gowling (Newcastle);

25 — Ted MacDougal (Norwich);

22 — John Duncan (Tottenham), Dennis Tueart (Manchester City);

20 — Charlie George (derby);

19 — John Richards (Wolverhampton), Malcolm MacDonald.

DIVISION TWO:

24 — Derek Hales (Charlton);

21 — Mick Channon (Southampton);

17 — Led Bradd (Notts County);

16 — Paul Cheesley (Bristol City).

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DIVISION THREE

30 — Dixie McNeil (Hereford), Alan Buckley (Walsall);

25 — Fred Binney (Brighton);

23 — Peter Silvester (Southend).

DIVISION FOUR

¼? — Ronnie Moore (Tranmere Rovers);

26 — Brendan O'Callaghan (Doncaster);

25 — John Ward (Lincoln);

23 — Mike Kitchen (Doncaster).

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SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE (FINAL TABLE 1975-76)

Partick	26	17	7	2	47	19 41
Kilmarnock	26	16	3	7	44	29 35
Montrose	26	12	6	8	53	43 30
Dumbarton	26	12	4	10	53	46 28
Arbroath	26	11	4	11	41	39 26
St Mirren	26	9	8	9	37	37 26
Airdrieonians	26	7	11	8	44	41 25
Falkirk	26	10	5	11	38	35 25
Hamilton	26	7	10	9	37	37 24
Queen	26	9	6	11	41	47 24
Morton	26	7	9	10	31	40 23
East Fife	26	8	7	11	39	53 23
Dunfermline	26	5	10	11	30	51 20
Clyde	26	5	4	17	34	52 14

BIG LEAGUE DEADLINE

The closing date for applications by clubs to join the national soccer league is looming near. The A.S.F. has set March 31 as the deadline, and the competition is scheduled to start in March, 1977.

A special sub-committee has been formed to deal with the multitude of details, covering sponsorship, television, location of ground, advertising and promotion, and many more important matters.

The Federation members on the committee are **Ian Brusasco** - Brisbane, **Jim Connell** — Adelaide: and **Tony Palumbo** — Sydney.

Five clubs have already been accepted to membership of the League, and they have elected two representatives to the committee.

They are **Frank Lowy** of Hakoah and **Alex Pongrass** of St George Club.

Sir Arthur George, ASF president, is Chairman of the Committee.

Shortly after the Exeecutive Committee of the A.S.F. meets in Sydney on April 10 it is anticipated that applications will be called for the position of league manager. The successful applicant will be responsible for the day to day admininstration with the management committee and the A.S.F. general secretary.

Present indications are that the League will comprise a minimum of members from four States.

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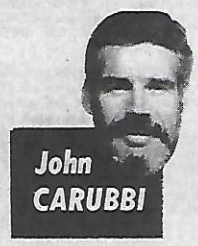


John CARUBBI

Se i miei ricordi degli anni molto verdi (ed ormai tanto lontai) non mi ingannano, fu in un remoto maggio 1948 che a Torino si giocó una partita di calcio destinata a rivoluzionare (piú del sistema forse, perchè dopo tutto l'avvento del WM fu una rivoluzione tattica solamente) l'intera concezione del gioco del calcio italiano.

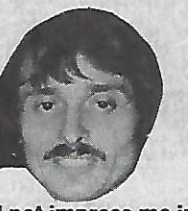
Si trovarono di fronte, quel giorno, un'Italia ancora latinamente abbarbicata (per quanto giá sistemista, nel Grande Torino) alle finezze stilistiche e rallentatrici dei futbolisti argentini, con tanti estrosi prestigiatori della palla rotonda di fattura tutta italica, ed i pallidi, nervosi (nella struttura fisica solamente) calciatori britannici, che allora continuavano a snobbare il resto del mondo calcistico. I bianchi vennero perciò in Italia a darci la lezione che meritavamo per voler noi, ad ogni costo, scontrarci con loro, maestri (da noi non riconosciuti) del football.

Quel 16 maggio ci fu data l'opportunitá di far trionfare il calcio latino su quello albionico, e... fummo «legnati» per 4 a 0 da Finney, Matthews, e compagni. Prendemmo la solenne strapazzata perchè gli inglesi che, potremmo oggi definire (un ciclone anticlimatico d'Inghilterra», ci investirono con folate di gioco che noi semplicemente non concepivamo, in quanto il nostro football era statico come un monumento. Il lungo e, (spero) niente affatto noioso preambolo me lo ha fatto venire in punta di tastiera la vitoria del Western Suburbs, a Sydney, contro l'Hakoah, nella finalissima 1976 della Ampol Cup.

I campioni Ampol hanno demolito la temutissima e valida squadra ebrea sbatacchiandola per tutto il campo nei vortici delle loro azioni condotte a ritmo forsennato. La hanno squassata da capo a fondo correndo da matti su ogni palla e (quel che piú conta) a ricevere ogni palla, senza la necessitá di giocarla prima con narcisistico piacere (come hanno fatto gli ebrei) solo per far «platea».

Come gli inglesi contro gli italiani ne '48, il Wests ha badato al sodo. Come i bianchi albionici di circa 30 anni orsono non ha cincischiato. Come loro ha giocato il calcio atleticamente veloce che va giocato oggi in contrapposizione alla rigida posizionalitá che l'esasperato e mal interpretato tatticismo di oggi ha trasformato in tomba dello spettacolo. Come gli inglesi affossarono il calcio latino di quell'Italia 1948, pur composta da colossi del calibro di Valentino Mazzola e qualche altro, cosí il Wests edizione Ampol Cup '76 ha distrutto la squadra dell'Hakoah investendola con un tipo di gioco al quale gli ebrei non erano preparati e nelle folate del quale non hanno saputo trovare la controcorrente necessaria a scombussolarne la violenza demolitrice. Ma per far ció, all'Hakoah avrebbero dovuto saper «leggere» la partita e prima ancora, l'evoluzione del gioco del calcio.

POOR SHOW BY METROS



BILL VOJTEK

Canadian team Metros Croatia of Toronto did not impress me in its 1-2 loss to South Sydney Croatia in Sydney last Thursday night.

If that's the best the North American Professional League can offer, then Australian soccer is far superior.

It's just as well the Canadian team didn't play our national side, as it had wanted to do.

I enjoyed playing the game, even though I twisted my ankle badly early on.

There were only two invitation players in the South Sydney side — myself and **Phil O'Connor from Wollongong.**

South Sydney is interested in obtaining his services and he's an extremely good player.

Excuses can be found for the Canadian team.

It plays in a very cold climate, lacks training and plays most of its soccer on a synthetic surface.

Despite this, the crowd of 4000 expected a better showing.

South Sydney, for a side which is struggling to field a strong side, played well.

There were no stars in the team. All players did their bit, moved the ball well, and were too good for Toronto.

At no time did the Canadian side look like winning.

Our side could have scored at least another three goals. I would have scored two myself had I not been injured.

South Sydney's overall performance was a good one.

Coach **Schwartz** told me he had great hopes for the new season but would like to gain two or three more players.

He desperately wants to regain **Brady**, one of the better defenders in the Sydney first division.

Brady is in Ireland and the club is trying to get him to return.

If the club gets O'Connor it will make a big difference to its attack, but he won't be able to do all the work by himself.

Toronto's two best players were **Miralem Fazlic** and **Ivair Ferreira.**

Fazlic is a defender and Ferreira a forward.

Its side looked suspect in regard to fitness and will have to acclimatise to our conditions to do better in its remaining matches on the Australian tour.

I have been invited to play with Adelaide Croatia against Toronto in Adelaide on Saturday afternoon, but I am doubtful because of the leg injury.

I will have to see how it progresses this week, before deciding whether to play or not.

Details of the Croatia v Metros game:

South Sydney Croatia 2 (O'Connor, Whalley) d. Toronto Metros 1 (Genert) at Sydney Sports Ground. Crowd: 4188.

LOPTA JE OKRUGLA

To staro i već dosadno opravdanje pokušaćemo da upotrebimo kako bi ublažili razočarenje koje je Hajduk, po drugi put za godinu dana, priredio svojim navijačima širom sveta, posebno u Australiji.

Verovali ili ne, ali gotovo sve novinske agencije u četvrtak izjutra su uposlile nove službenike da bi zaustavili bujicu telefonskih poziva navijača Hajduka. Ako odavno nije, ali ovog meseca će Direkcija telefona i telegrafa u Australiji napraviti profit, toliko je bilo telefonskih poziva iz Australije za Jugoslaviju.

Ovakvo interesovanje je potrebno i korisno. Nije samo naša specifična pojava, već svih ostalih nacionalnosti u Australiji. Prava ljubav prema sportu oplemeni i popuni duševne praznine u čoveku, osobito ako je usavršen.

Istina, poraz Hajduka će suprotno delovati na njegove navijače, Mnogi će mesecima bolovati i bežati od sveta.

Za utehu treba uzeti slučaj Dinama iz Kijeva, super-šampiona Evrope i apsolutnog favorita za osvajanje Kupa šampiona.

Pošto je nogometna sezona Australije na pragu, preporucujemo navijačima Hajduka da radi bržeg zaborava, prenesu svoj navijački žar na naše klubove u Australiji. Neka navijaju pošteno sportski Važno je uz to posećivati stalno nogometne utakmice, jer publika i igrači zajednički stvaraju standard i ugled nogometa.

J.U.S.T. JEDINA NADA

Ampol Kup, koji se igra uveče u svim većim gradovima Australije, nije oduševio našu publiku, uglavnom zbog neuspeha naših klubova. Jedino je J.U.S.T. u Melburnu ostao na megdanu i ima lepe izglede da drugi put uzastopce osvoji ovaj Kup, koga je šest puta ukupno osvajao.

Kad već sticajem okolnosti,nema drugih naših klubova u polufinalu, J.U.S.T. zaslužuje punu našu podršku. Ako ni zbog čega drugog a ono zbog talentovanih igrača, koji prednjače svojim ponašanjem, šarmom i duhovitom igrom.

PROZIVKA IGRAČA

Iako skromnog izgleda i ponašanja golman Boland zaustavlja dah svojim uspešnim intervencijama. Spasao je više puta JUST-a od poraza. Odavno je zaslužio mesto u državnom timu.

Dugačke noge beka Parrotta naprave bolji posao nego stotine ruku zajedno.

Koliko konjskih snaga ima Andy Kazi pitaju se protivnički igrači pored kojih nezadrživo protutnji po sto puta na jednoj utakmici. Kad bi samo jedan put dao gol iz silnih prodora razbio bi moler.

Kriaris, Kondarios i Ilioski žive u košnici duplirala bi se proizvodnja meda, takve su to radilice.

Kažu da zbog Zoraje psuju i oni koji nikad ne psuju. Ali njemu je dovoljan jedan minut da reši utakmicu.

Palinkašova brzina stvara posebno zadovoljstvo kod publike, a još veću pániku u protivničkim odbranama.

Josip Picioane je otkrivenje, ali i zagonetka J.U.S.T.-a. Ima hrabrosti i ideja, ali je bez iskustva.

Frank Micić je pokazao da je još sposoban da promeni tok i rezultat igre.

Šta da vam pišem o Branku Buljeviću i Men di Ristovskom, kada su obojica (da upotrebim šahovski izraz) odavno zaslužili naziv velemajstora.

Žika Nikolić

Alan Parrot

Hakoah to Waverley

Two Hakoah players — Joe Katz and Bobby Saunders — have been signed by Metropolitan club Waverley City.

Katz, 24, and Saunders, 30, cost Waverley $1800.

Waverley beat second division side Moreland in securing the player's services.

Moreland president, **Ted Smith,** a former coach of Hakoah and Australian representative, invited Katz and Saunders to train with his club.

Katz and Saunders both midfielders, have played many seasons at Hakoah, and will be a big help to Waverley.

The two will receive $15 a win, $10 a draw and $6 a loss— the standard payment for Waverley players.

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INSIDE FOOTBALL

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"Mr. Football" Alex Jesaulenko is on the team again, and so too is that Richmond dynamo Kevin Sheedy.

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Don't miss this compulsory football reading in **INSIDE FOOTBALL** —

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INSIDE FOOTBALL

Worries with the council

Second Division club Richmond again has worries with the local council.

The club has Burnley Oval only for Saturdays, meaning the Thirds have to play at Elwood and the four junior teams at Royal Park.

Richmond has had to approach Siemens about sharing a training ground.

Richmond will field a young side, with six players under 20.

New players are **Peter Willemberg** from Doncaster Rovers, and **Topalidis** and **Schuer** from the juniors.

The club has lost **Tonidis** to Postal Institute and **Weimper** to Fawkner.

The Richmond team, standing from left: coach Smoger, Schauer, Muench, Bachhofer, G. Dodin, Maroki, Lewaditis, president Kneile; front: Willemberg, Kuehn, Habulin, P. Dodin, Arentz, Topalidis, Reiprich.

PETER SWEENEY looks at the Victorian Metropolitan and Provisional Leagues.

WILL MELBOURNE GET A GROUND?

Melbourne Soccer Club has been sent a letter by the Metropolitan League Management Committee advising it to try to find a club willing to share a ground.

This was in reply to Melbourne's request to be granted use of Middle Park as its home ground for the 1976 season.

The MLMC has a rule stating that clubs cannot share grounds, but it's believed Melbourne will be given special permission if it finds another Metropolitan club willing to share its ground.

At the end of last season, Melbourne was relegated from the State League.

Soccer officials believe that if Melbourne played at Middle Park again it would interfere with the State League competition.

Owen for Croydon

Croydon City, promoted to First Division, has gained two top class players and will be hard to beat this season.

Trevor Owen Jnr rejoins the club after spending a few seasons with State League side Ringwood-Wilhelmina.

His father is coach of that team.

Owen, 18, was a member of the Australian under 18 squad which was supposed to travel overseas last year but could not because it lacked a sponsor.

Croydon has also gained **Miroslav Kupinic,** 25, a full back and midfielder from Footscray JUST.

Kupinic has played all his soccer with Footscray, and club officials expect him and Owen to add tons of drive to the Croydon attack.

New name for Carlton

Provisional League club Carlton will change its name next year.

The club has recently transferred to a new ground at Camberwell high school, Prospect Hill Road, Canterbury, and as from the 1977 season will be known as Camberwell City.

The club still has vacancies for the 1976 season and would like to hear from players and supporters.

Vrzina is manager

Tony Vrzina will be manager of Essendon Lions this year.

Vrzina was elected to the position during a club meeting last week.

He coached the club and also former State League side Croatia, and was president of Essendon Lions last year.

Chelsea will have a big promotion night at the Edithvale Reserve pavilion tonight (Wednesday).

Victorian Soccer Federation Secretary **George Wallace** and the mayor of Chelsea, **Cr Tom Johnson,** will be guest speakers at the smorgasbord-meeting.

Prominent local businessman will be guests of the club.

The promotion night is expected to become an annual event.

Thomastown president Nick Iacobucci has denied that the club asked Juventus for a $3000 transfer fee for its star winger John Zuanetti.

Iacobucci said Thomastown asked only for a replacement, which it didn't get.

He said Zuanetti had been on an amateur form and was transferred to Juventus free of charge last month.

Thomastown has about 45 senior players and 95 juniors in training.

It is aiming to win its third successive championship and hopefully gain promotion.

Players wanted

Diamond Creek is set for its eighth — and best — season in senior soccer.

Diamond Creek fields a first and reserve XI in the North Division of the District League.

The club, which trains every Tuesday and Thursday, boasts excellent facilities.

The modern clubroom features hot showers, table tennis equipment and a canteen.

A new floodlighting installation serves the ground.

Anyone interested in joining the club — either as a player or social member — can contact president **Bill White** on 438 1185 or secretary **Bill De Vos** on 435 5199.

Langwarrin friendly

Provisional League club Langwarrin will play one more friendly match before it meets Nunawading in the opening round of the season on April 10.

The club will host South Dandenong on Sunday.

Last weekend the club had a free weekend and next week will prepare for the start of the year with a pick-up match against itself.

Its first competition match is away from home.

Trevor Owen (front) with Ray Pocock in a Ringwood City v Sunshine Ampol Cup match. Owens has joined Croydon.

PETER GEORGIOU of the 'Hellenic Herald'

★ «Εὔχομαι οἱ νέοι νὰ ἀκολουθήσουν τὸ παράδειγμα τοῦ... γέρου καὶ τότε θὰ ἔχουμε ὑπερομάδα...» εἶπε ὁ συμπαθὴς μέσος τοῦ Μέγα Γουέμπστερ, ὕστερα ἀπὸ τὸν νικηφόρο ἀγώνα, ἐναντίον τῆς Γουλελμίνας, ὅπου διεκρίθη ἰδιαίτερα.

Ἀπὸ τὴν ἀρχὴ τοῦ Ἄμπολ Κάπ ἔχουν ἀκουσθῆ παράπονα γιὰ τὴ χρησιμοποίηση τοῦ παίκτη, - στὸν ὁποῖο ὁ περυσινὸς προπονητὴς ἤθελε νὰ δώση ἐλεύθερη μεταγραφή! Ὁ παίκτης ὅμως φέτος χρησιμοποιήθηκε σὲ κάθε ἀγώνα καὶ σὲ κάθε ἀγώνα παρουσιάζεται καλύτερος! Ἀκούσθηκαν πολλὰ γιὰ τὴ χρησιμοποίησή του! Ὅτι τοῦ ἔχει ἀδυναμία ὁ προπονητής, ὅτι προτιμοῦνται οἱ Σκωτσέζοι ἀπὸ τοὺς Ἕλληνες κ.λ.π.!

Αὐτὸ ποὺ ἔχω διαπιστώσει ἐγώ, εἶναι ὅτι ὁ προπονητής, δὲν τρέφει καμμιὰ ἰδιαίτερη συμπάθεια γιὰ κανέναν, ὅτι ὁ Γουέμπστερ δὲν ἀπουσιάζει ἀπὸ καμμία προπόνηση καὶ γυμνάζεται σκληρότερα ἀπὸ κάθε ἄλλον! Σὲ κάθε νυκτερινὸ ἀγώνα δίνει τὸν ἑαυτό του γιὰ νὰ νικήση ἡ ὁμάδα του μὲ ἀποτέλεσμα νὰ δακρίνεται! Ἦταν ὁ μόνος ποδοσφαιριστὴς τῆς α' ὁμάδος ποὺ ἔπαιξε σὲ τρεῖς συνέχεῖς ἀγῶνες τῆς ὁμάδος του. Παρασκευὴ Ἄμπολ Κάπ, Σάββατο Ἀδελαΐδα, Κυριακὴ θερινὸ τουρνουὰ στὸ Πόρτ Μέλμπουρν!

Νομίζω ὅτι αὐτὰ εἶναι ἀρκετὰ ν' ἀποδείξουν τὴ φιλοτιμία τοῦ παίκτη, τὸν ὁποῖον ὅλοι θεωροῦσαν ξοφλημένο! Ὁποιος παίκτης κατάβάλει τέτοιες προσπάθειες τοῦ ἀνήκει μιὰ θέση στὴν α' ὁμάδα! Οἱ νεαροὶ δὲν ἔχουν, παρὰ νὰ μιμηθοῦν τὸ παράδειγμά του!

Π. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΥ

Keith Webster

Coaches seminar

The reorganised Eastern Suburbs Coaches' Association is led by three top class coaches.

Ted Dillworth, Tim White and **Fred Bunce** supervise coaching sessions and demonstrate the latest techniques.

Dillworth guided Mooroolbark from Fourth Division to State League, White holds an English coaching badge and Bunce is a former English youth international.

The association aims to improve the knowledge and standards of coaching — through lectures, films and demonstrations.

The next coaches' seminar will be on Monday night at the Fibremakers ground, corner of Canterbury and Bayswater Roads, Bayswater. It will start at 7 p.m.

All coaches are invited to attend and further information can be obtained by phoning **D. Barker** on 848 5223.

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JOHANN CRUYFF VOTED FINEST PLAYER OF THE DECADE

Johann Cruyff of Holland and Barcelona has been voted Europe's best player of the past 10 years.

In a poll conducted by **"France Football"**, probably the foremost soccer publication in the world, Cruyff scored 16 points.

Second was **Alfredo di Stefano**, the former Real Madrid and Spain wizard who polled 13 votes.

Tied for third place were **Franz Beckenbauer** (Bayern Munich and West Germany) and **Luis Suarez** (Barcelona and Inter Milan), both on 12 points.

Others, in order, were:

Bobby Charlton (Manchester United and England) and

Eusebio (Portugal, Benfica) both 11 points;

Gerd Mueller (West Germany, Bayern Munich) and

Raymond Kopa (St Reims), both 10 points

Gianni Rivera (Italy, Inter Milan) 8 points

George Best (Northern Ireland and Manchester United) 6 points.

Bobby Charlton

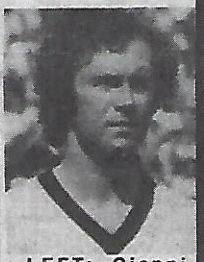
Eusebio

Luiz Suarez

Raymond Kopa.

Johann Cruyft about to score against Argentina in the 1974 World Cup finals.

Alfredo di Stefano (left) introduces the Duke of Edinburgh to Denis Law (obscured) before a "Rest of the World" v England game at Wembley to mark the English FA's centenary in 1963. On Law's right is Francisco Gento, then Eusebio and Djalma Santos. Behind the Duke of Edinburgh is Sir Stanley Rous, then president of FIFA.



LEFT: Gianni Rivera. Above: Franz Beckenbauer.

George Best

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